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Recently, in movies... What?! Film commentary again?! ...But it's pretty much the only thing I can write about... Sorry. So, back to the story...These days, there are usually three performers per character or role. The first is the billed actor (the star). The second is the stunt man. And then there is the CGI stunt man for particularly dangerous scenes or difficult camera shots. They're very well constructed. At this rate, we may even eventually stop needing real actors...

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2003

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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主な登場人物

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サスケ

うずまき
ナルト

ガイ

春野サクラ

日向ネジ

ロック・リー

テンテン

うちはイタチ

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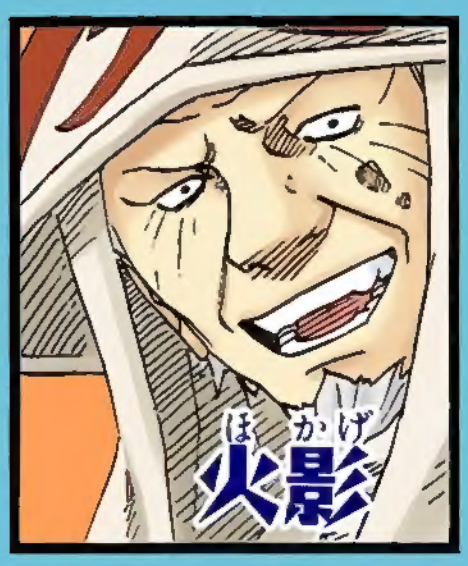

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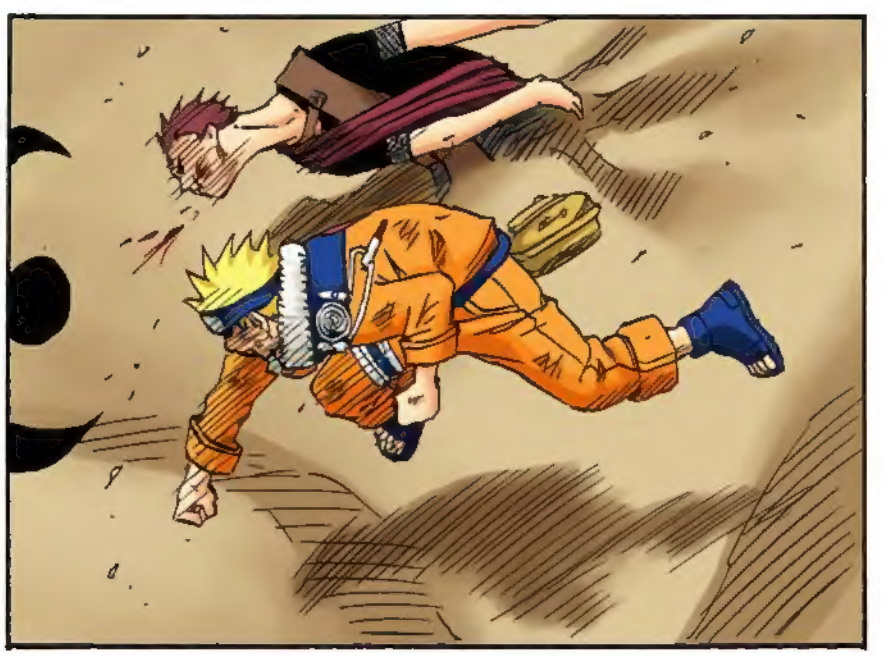

UGH!

THEY BLOCKED MY JUTSU!!

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GOOD, NARUTO!

GAARA HAS BARELY ENTERED SLEEP MODE. ONE BLOW SHOULD WAKE HIM...

AAARGH!!

I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK IN!

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WE STOPPED HIS JUTSU! WHY IS HE STILL SO STRONG?!

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GAH...

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YAAAH!!

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DON'T YOU MOCK ME...

...THIS IS THE CHIEF'S TONGUE ...!

UGH!

GRRR...

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UGH!

JUST HOW MUCH STRE-NGTH DOES THIS ONE HAVE?!

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NOT GOOD!

NARUTO AND I HAVE BOTH COMP-LETELY USED UP OUR CHAKRA!!

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SAKURA…!

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I WILL NOT CEASE TO EXIST.

I SHALL KILL YOU.

I'VE GOT TO STOP THIS TANUKI MONSTER.

JUST A WEE BIT ...

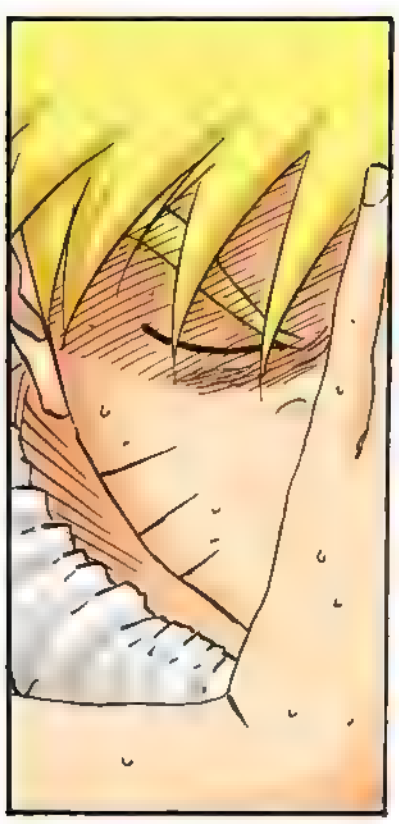
PLEASE

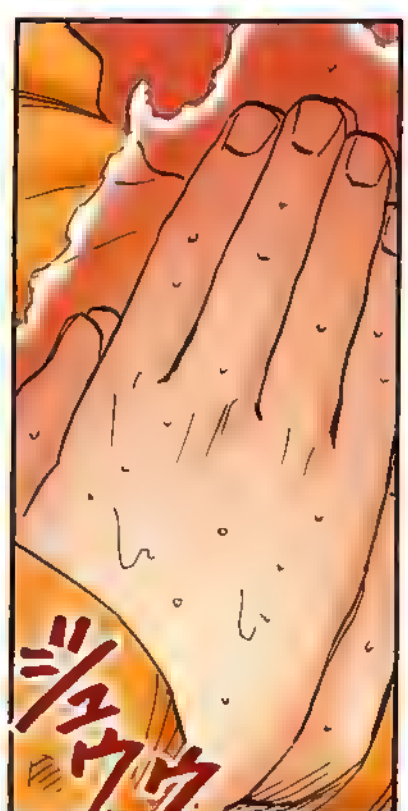
JUST ENOUGH CHAKRA...

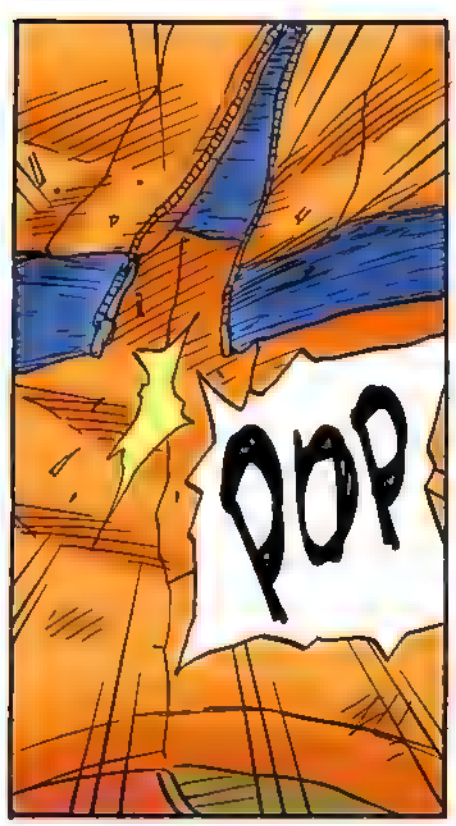
PLEASE GIVE ME...

TO PROTECT EVERYBODY!!

RRRROARR!!







DIE!

HERE I COME!! YOU DUMB TANUKI!!

YOU...

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BRUTE
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A SIMPLE HEAD BUTT... HIS FIGHTING STYLE MAY BE COARSE AND UNPOLISHED BUT... HE CAN DRAW SO MUCH CHAKRA...

DID HE WIN?!

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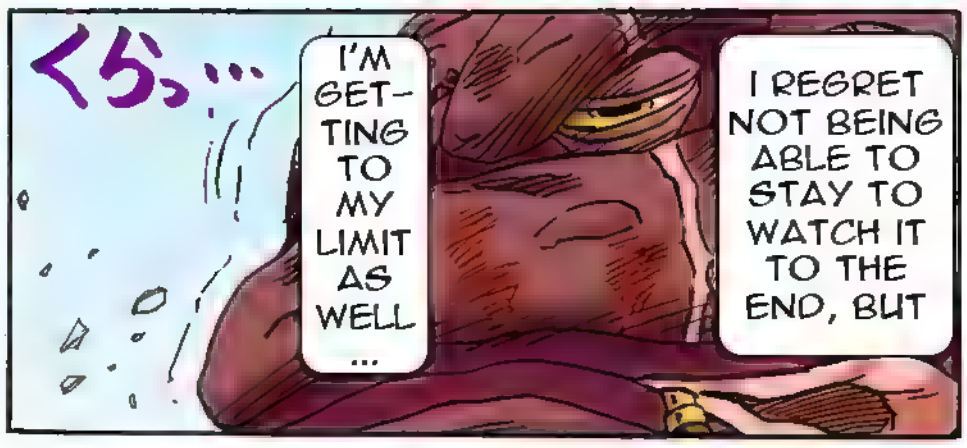
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A BUMBLING NINJA BEFORE, BUT HE'S CERTAINLY AN EXTRAORDINARY BOY!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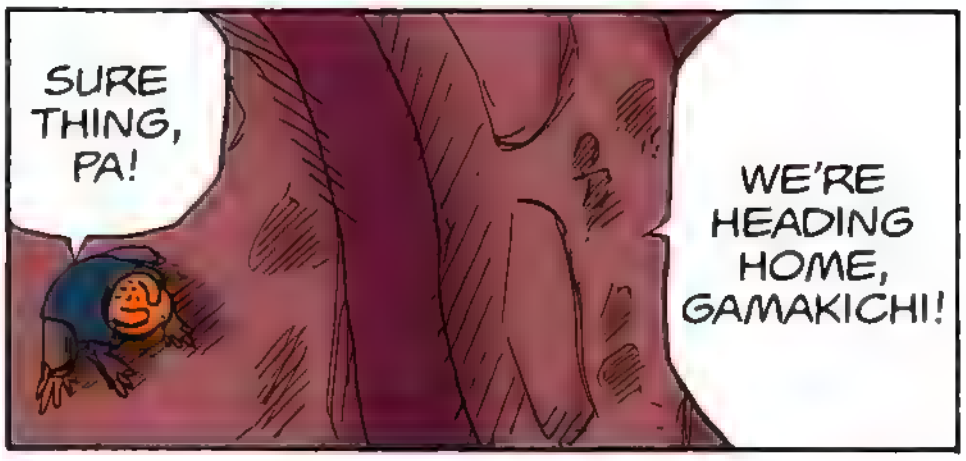
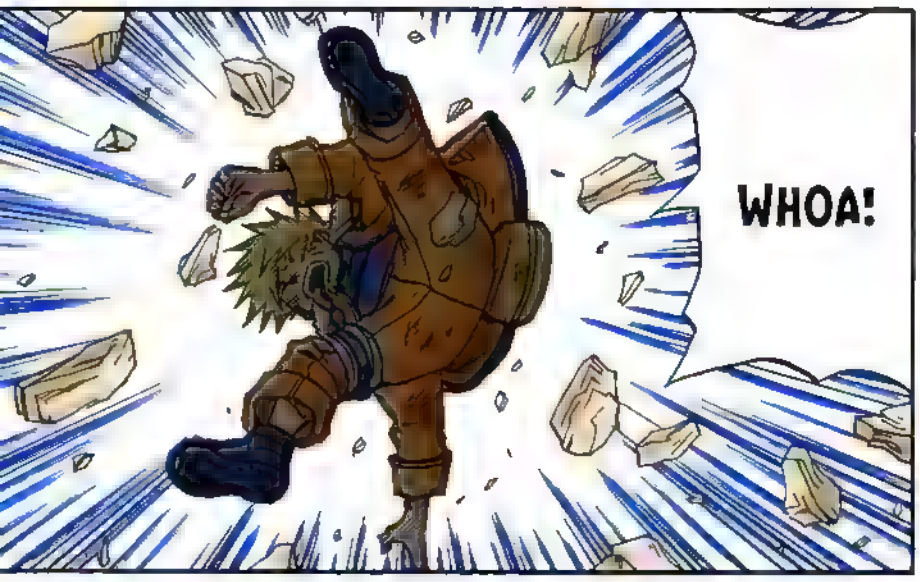
I'M GET-TING TO MY LIMIT AS WELL …
I REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO STAY TO WATCH IT TO THE END, BUT


SURE THING, PA!
WE'RE HEADING HOME, GAMAKICHI!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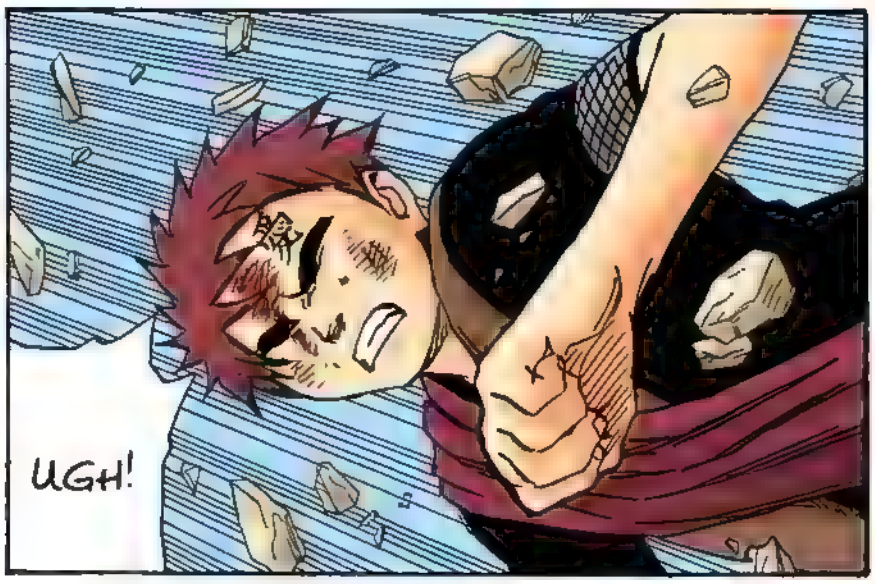
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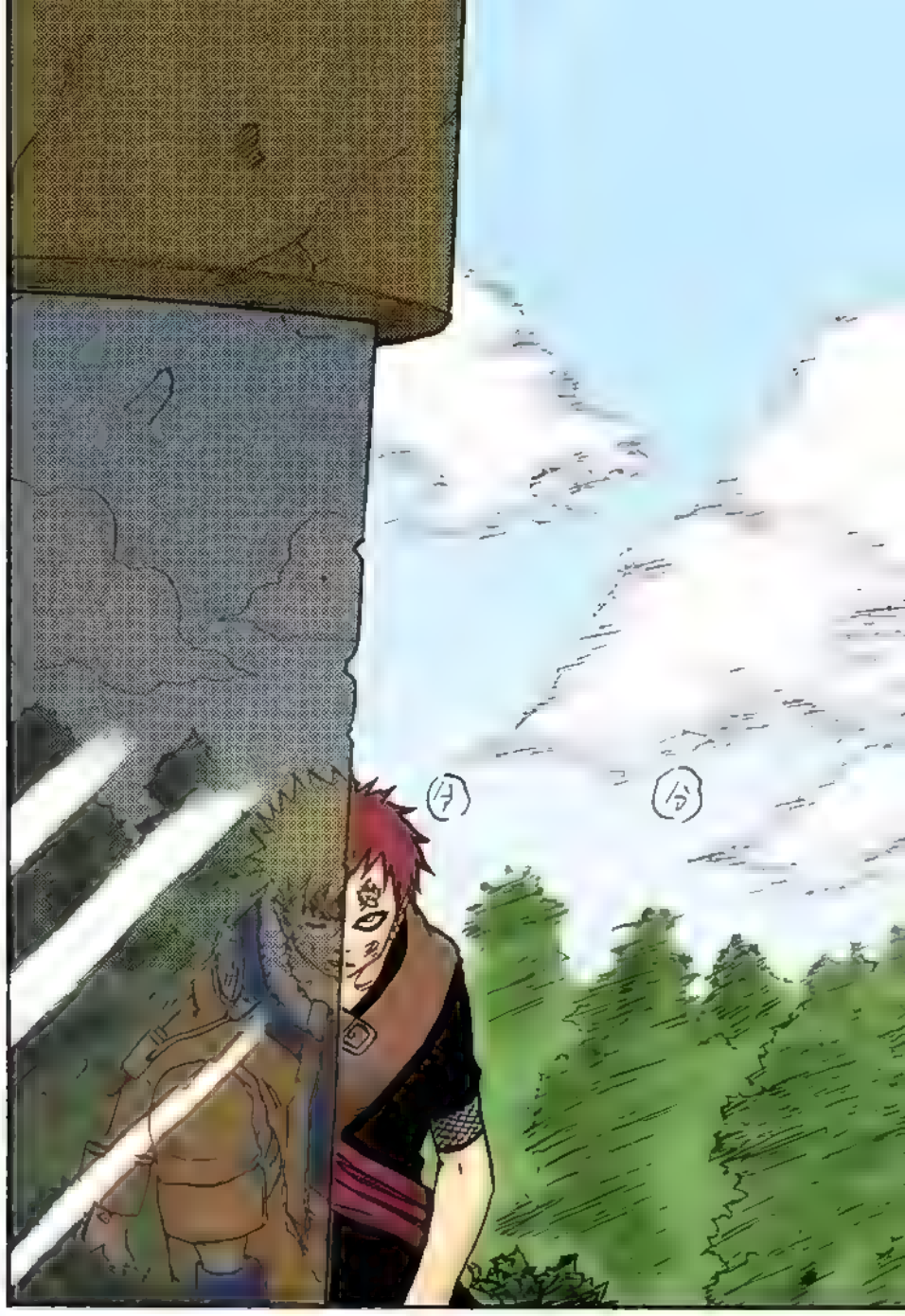
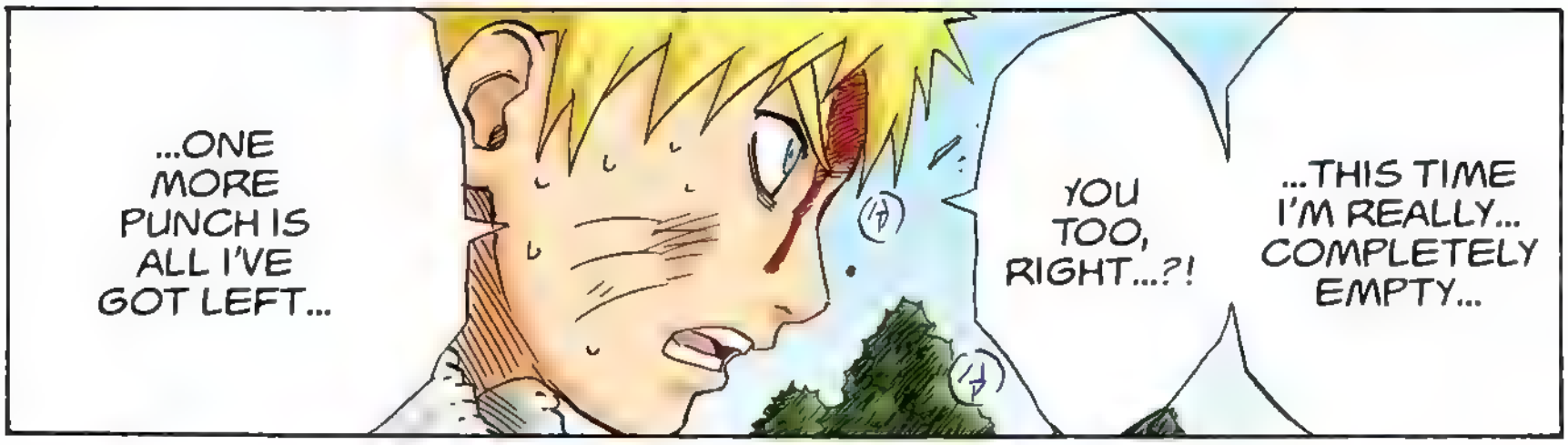
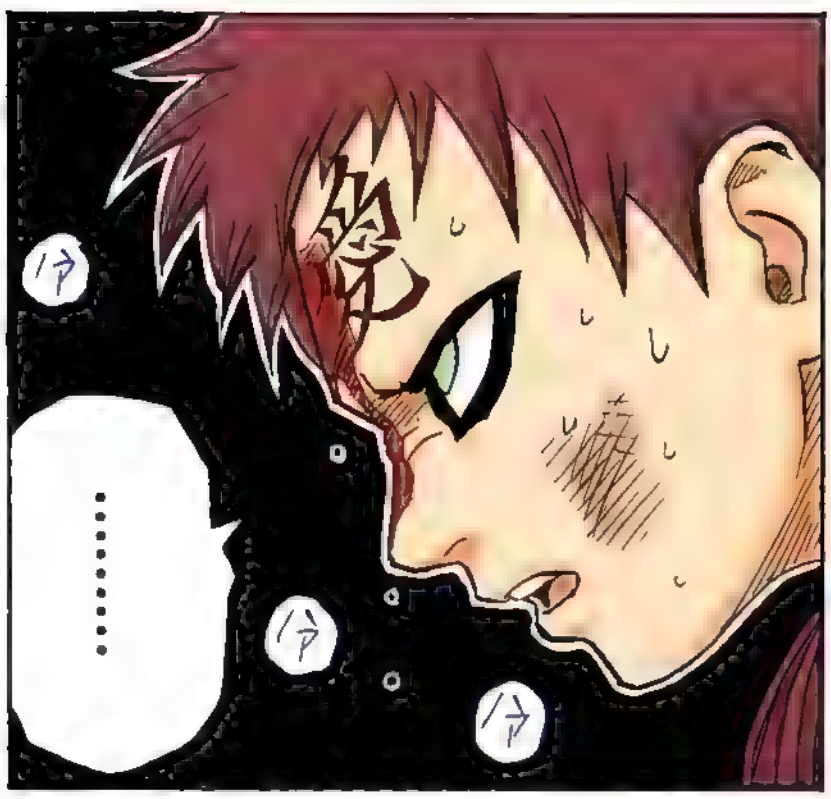



...ONE MORE PUNCH IS ALL I'VE GOT LEFT...
YOU TOO, RIGHT...?!
...THIS TIME I'M REALLY... COMPLETELY EMPTY...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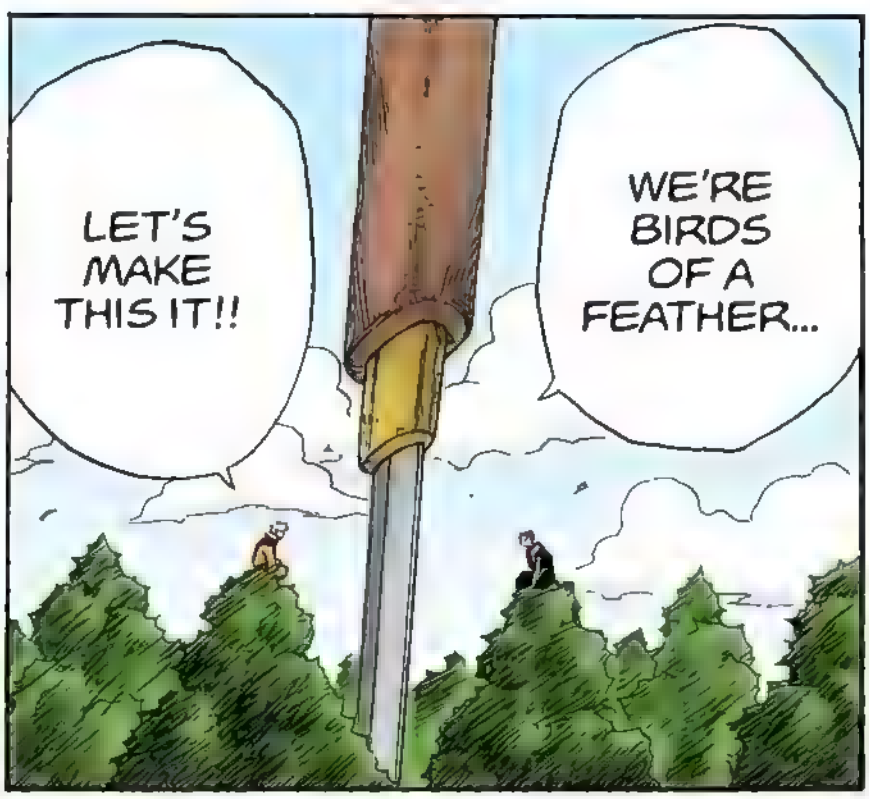
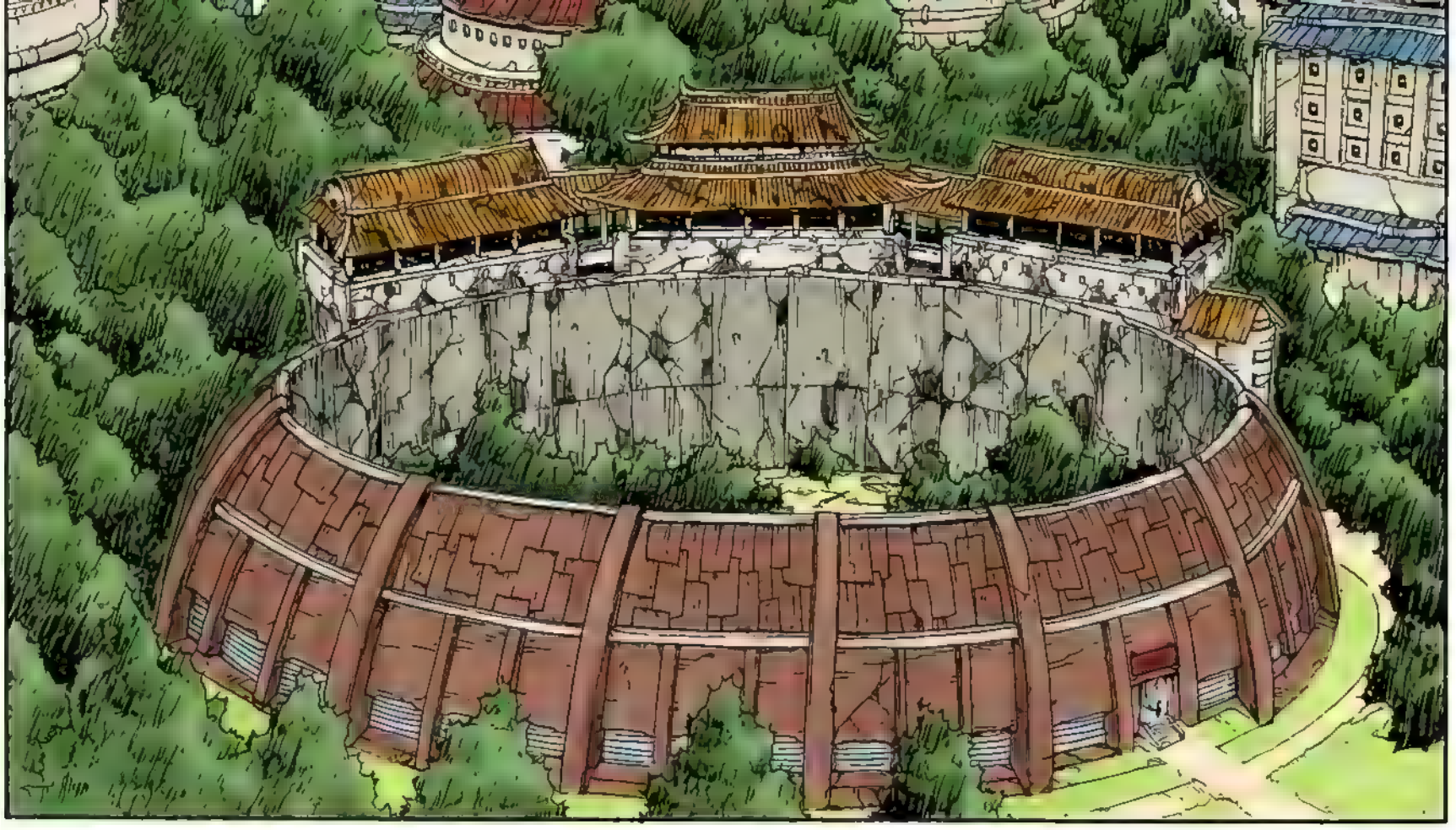

LET'S MAKE THIS IT!!
WE'RE BIRDS OF A FEATHER...



THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT WAR.

WELL... THINK ABOUT IT...

I'M SHOCKED THAT NOT JUST SOUND... BUT SO MANY SAND JÔNIN WOULD TRY TO INFILTRATE OUR VILLAGE...!

THIS FIGHT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOREVER...

IT'S VIRTUALLY UNHEARD OF FOR SHINOBI TO BATTLE EACH OTHER FOR AN HOUR... I WONDER WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON INSIDE?

...MASTER SARUTOBI!

THEN BY ALL MEANS, PLEASE DIE...

IT SEEMS...

...I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH LEFT TO DRAG OUT ALL OF YOUR SOUL.

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HOW-EVER...

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...I SHALL PUT AN END TO YOUR PLANS...

...HERE AND NOW!!

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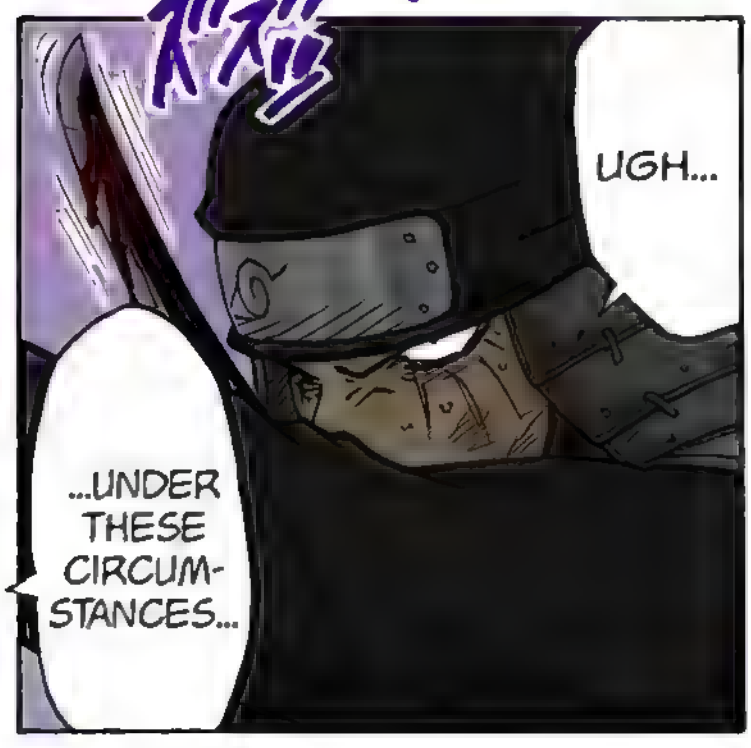
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UGH...
...UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES...

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YOU TALK LIKE AN OLD FOOL!
YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP ME?

LET ME GO!
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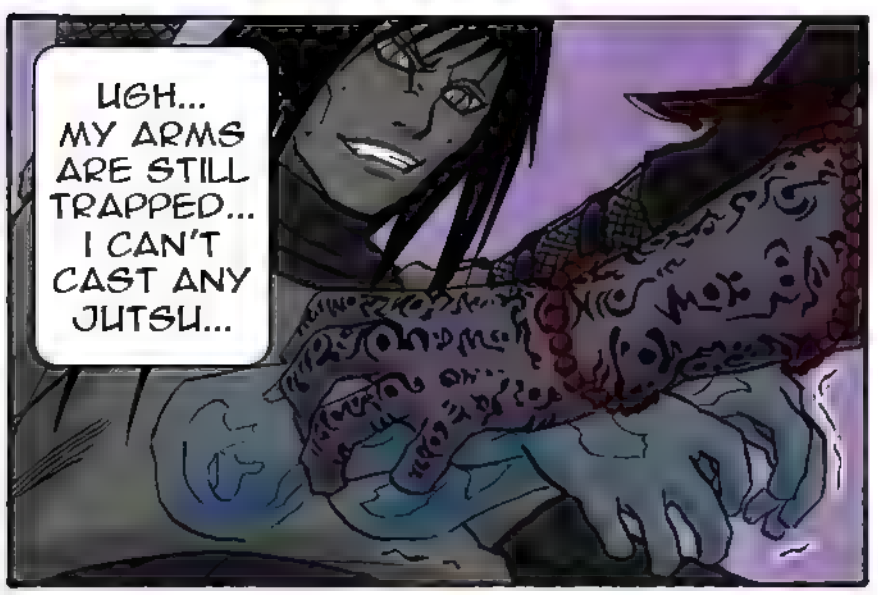
UGH... MY ARMS ARE STILL TRAPPED... I CAN'T CAST ANY JUTSU...

UGH... I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO DESTROY THIS VILLAGE...!

I CANNOT BE STOPPED!

YOU WILL DIE HERE!!

UGGH...

UGH...!

LOOK AROUND YOU...!

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT YOU IN YOUR DECREPIT STATE HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE THIS VILLAGE AS THE THIRD HOKAGE?

CHK CHK

OPERATION DESTROY KONOHA SHALL BE FULFILLED!

...SUNAGAKURE SHINOBI HAVE INVADED THIS VILLAGE AS WELL, YOU KNOW.

IN ADDITION TO MY FOLLOW-ERS...

...WILL BE ANNIHILATED, WOMEN AND CHILDREN INCLUDED...

ALL KONOHA SHINOBI...

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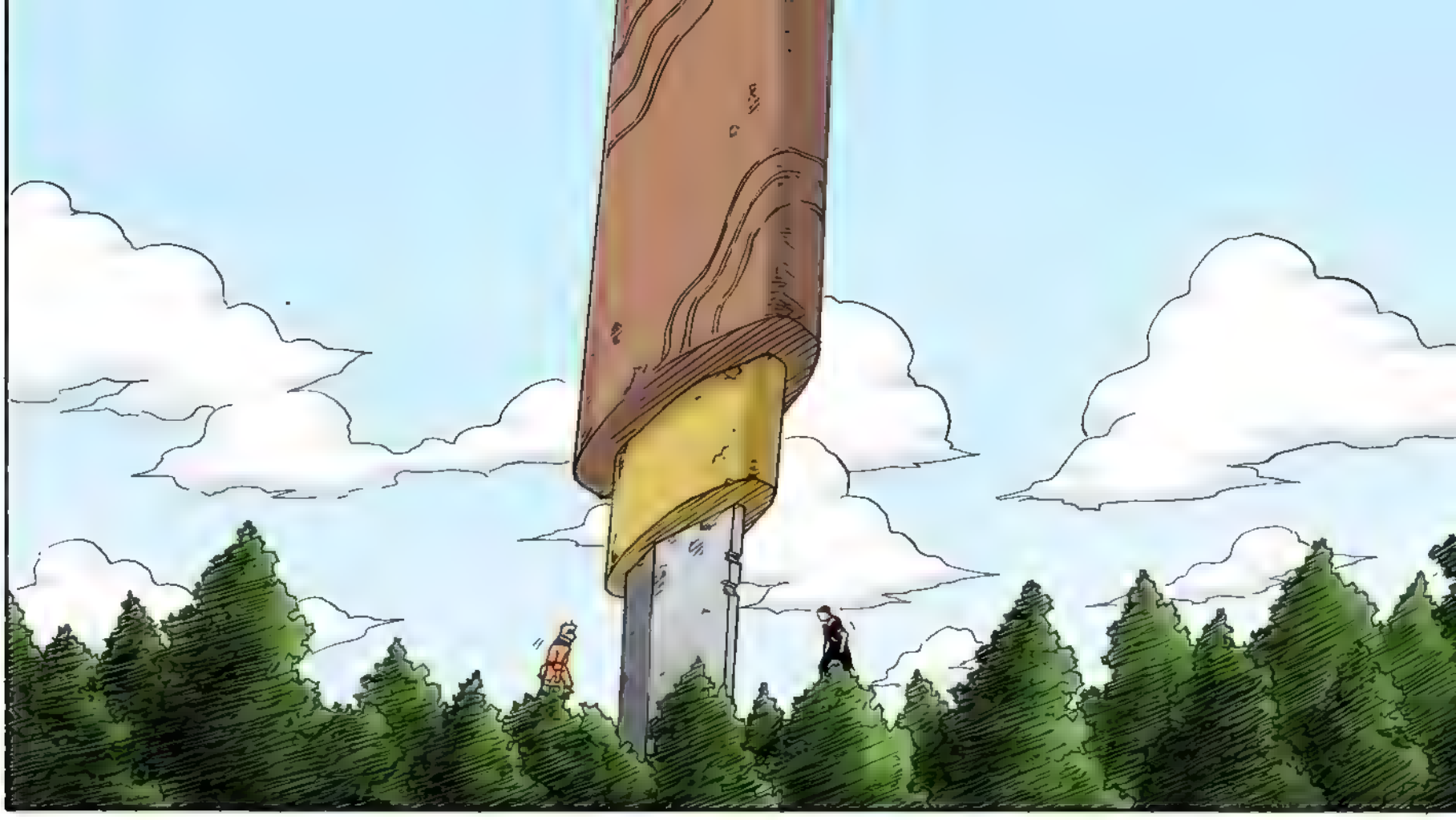
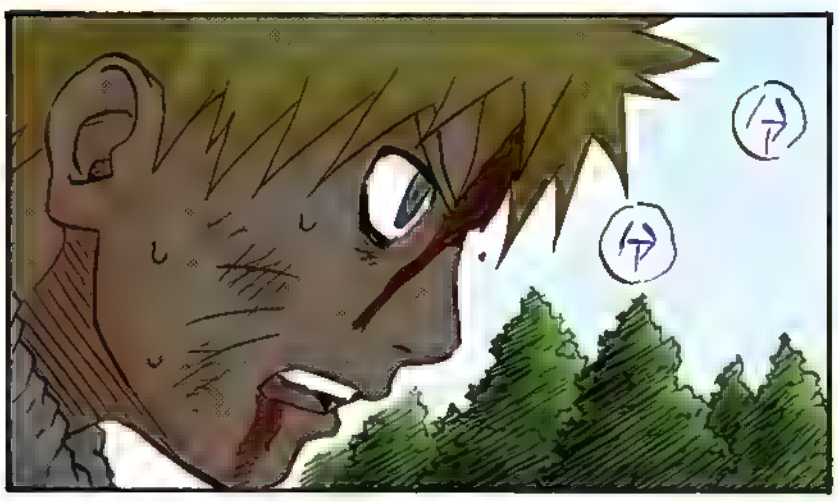
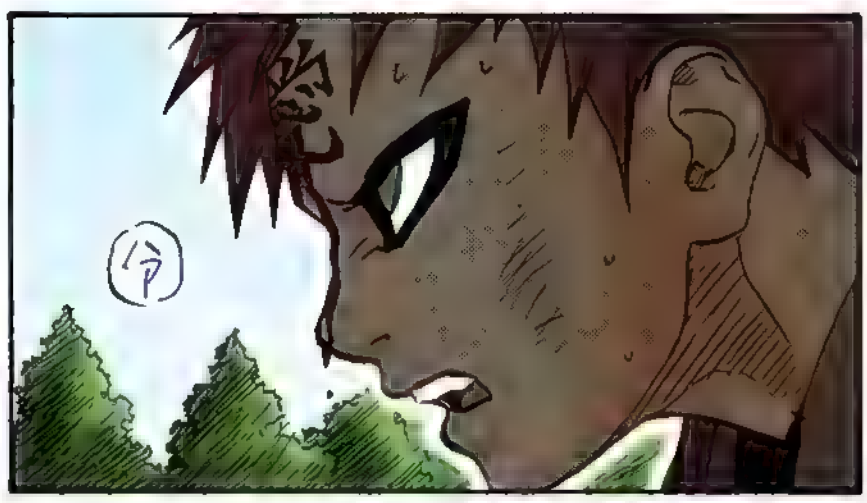
DON'T UNDERESTI-MATE THE SHINOBI OF THIS VILLAGE...

YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO YOU, OROCHIMARU.







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I SWEAR TO AVENGE YOU.

LET'S GO!

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(*Gravestone: the names of Konoha's fallen heroes.)

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...CAN'T MOVE!!

...EXPERIENCING KONOHA'S SECRET ART OF SHADOW PARALYSIS?

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME...

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SHINRANSHIN NO JUTSU! ART OF MIND DESTRUC-TION!!

HERE'S KONOHA'S SECRET ART OF SUFFOCATING DARKNESS!

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WELL THEN... AS AN ADDED BONUS...

AAARGH!!

THE INO-SHIKA-CHO TRIO REUNITED!

IT SURE BRINGS BACK MEMO-RIES!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!

HEY... STOP IT!!

MY BODY'S MOVING ON ITS OWN...!!

FATHER...

DON'T MOVE, SHINO.

I'VE SENT PARASITIC BEETLES IN... THEY'RE DRAWING OUT THE POISON.

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THE POI-SON'S DISPE-LLING...

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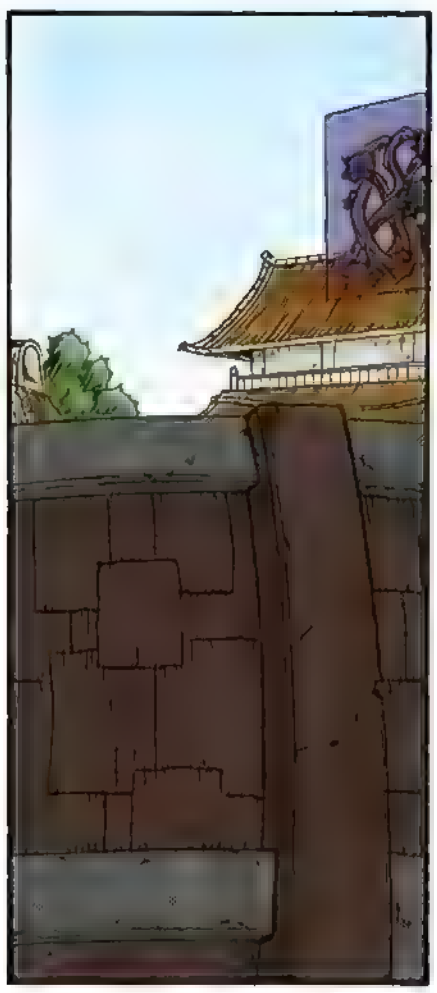

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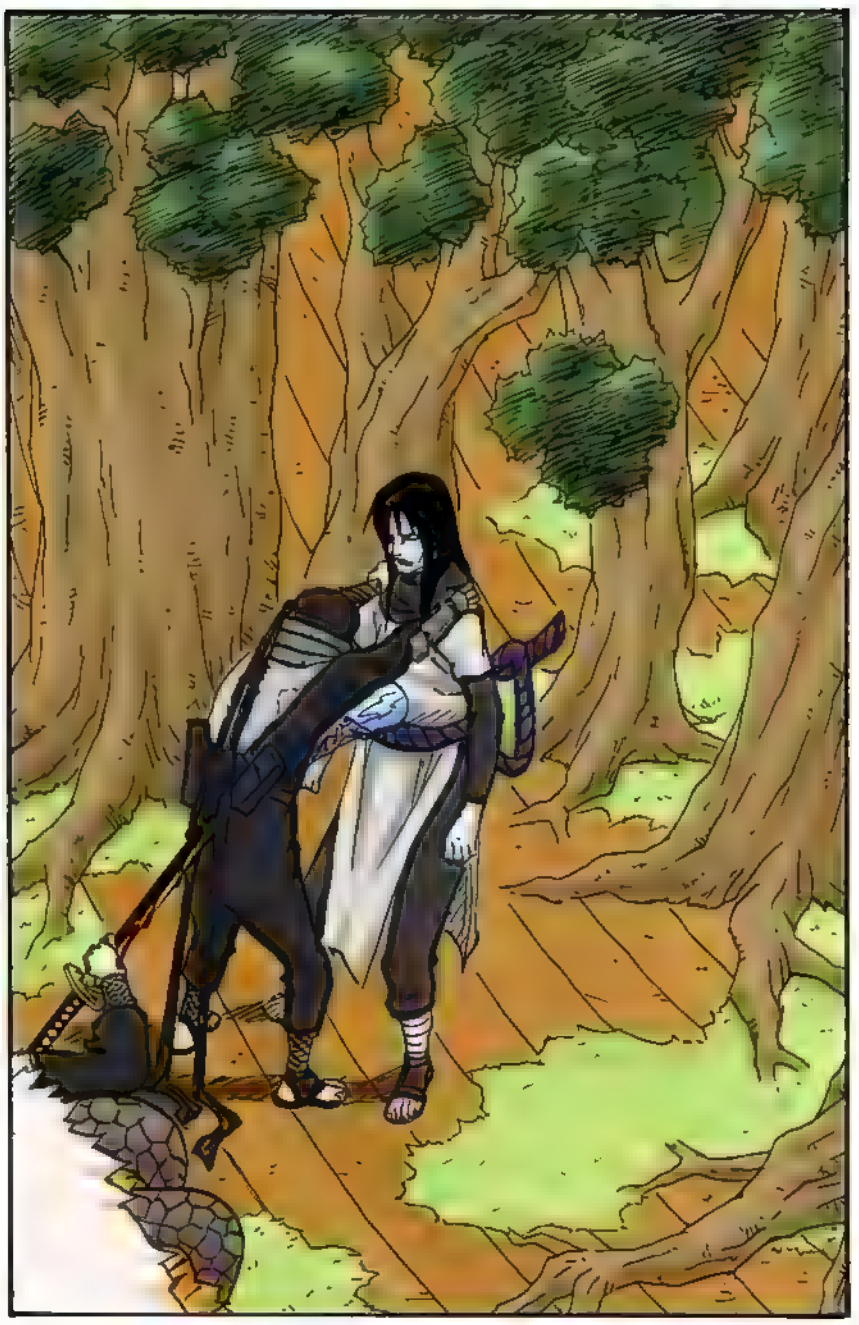
LET'S GO, KURO-MARU!

...WILL ALL FIGHT WITH EVERY-THING THEY'VE GOT!

THE SHINOBI OF KONOHA, IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEIR VILLAGE...



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...ARISES NOT FROM HONED NINJUTSU.

IN THIS WORLD, TRUE STRENGTH...

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I THOUGHT I HAD TAUGHT YOU THIS, ONCE...

...WHEN HE OR SHE IS DEFENDING THOSE PRECIOUS TO HIM OR HER...

I TOLD YOU THAT A SHINOBI'S TRUE STRENGTH EMERGES ...

TO YOU WHO IS SO ADDICTED TO FALSE PRIDE...

...THERE IS NO GREATER OR MORE APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT.

WELL, NO MATTER.

...IT'S NOT LIKE I INTEND TO FORGIVE YOU AT THIS POINT, ANYWAY.

SPARE ME THE LECTURE...

HEH...

WHAT?!

I SHALL TAKE ALL YOUR JUTSU WITH ME!!

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NO!!

DON'T TELL ME...!

SEAL!!

AND THUS, YOU CAN NO LONGER WEAVE SIGNS...

NOW, YOU CAN NO LONGER USE EITHER ARM...

MY ARMS, THEY'RE PARA-LYZED...

UGH!

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YOU HAVE NO NINJUTSU LEFT TO USE.

YOU USELESS OLD MAN! GIVE ME BACK MY ARMS!!

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OPERATION DESTROY KONOHA IS OVER...

...MY DEAR DISCIPLE, LET US MEET AGAIN ONE DAY IN THE AFTERLIFE.

IT'S A SHAME I CAN'T TAKE YOU WITH ME, BUT...

NOW WHO IS THE FOOL, OROCHIMARU?

SLURP

WHERE TREE LEAVES DANCE... ONE SHALL FIND FLAMES...

HOW DARE YOU! HOW DARE YOU TAKE MY JUTSU...!

YOU OLD FOOL!

AND ONCE AGAIN TREE LEAVES SHALL BUD ANEW.
THE FIRE'S SHADOW WILL ILLUMINATE THE VILLAGE...

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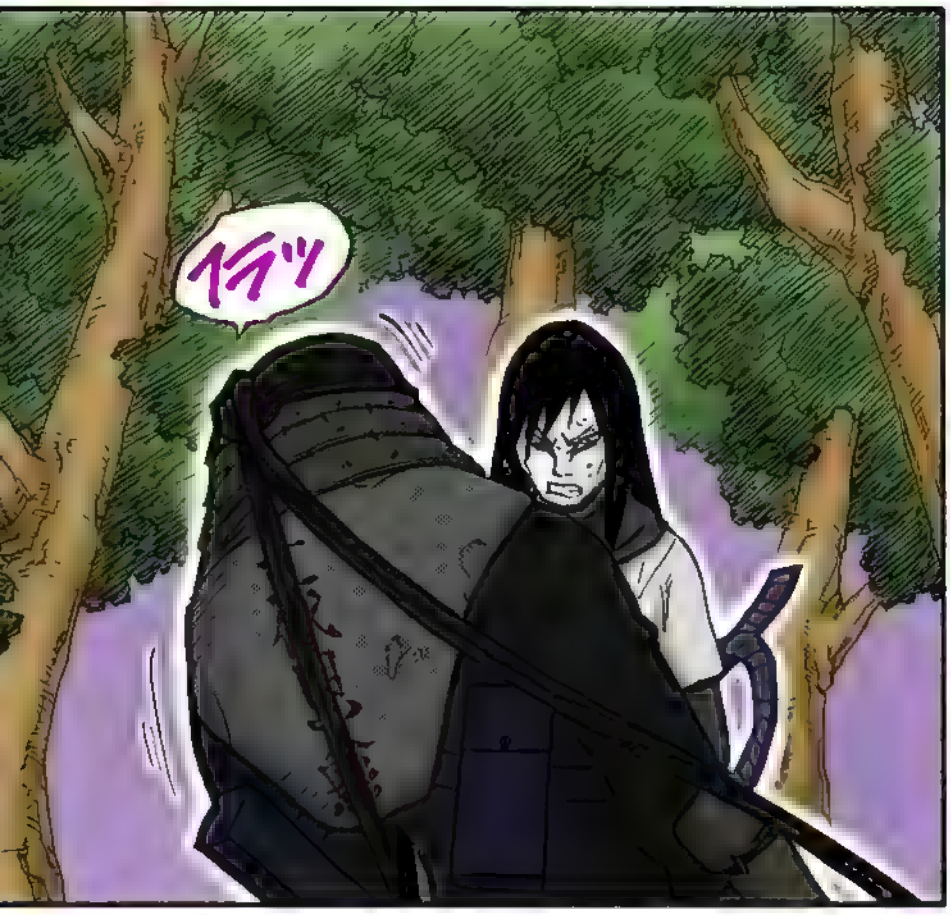
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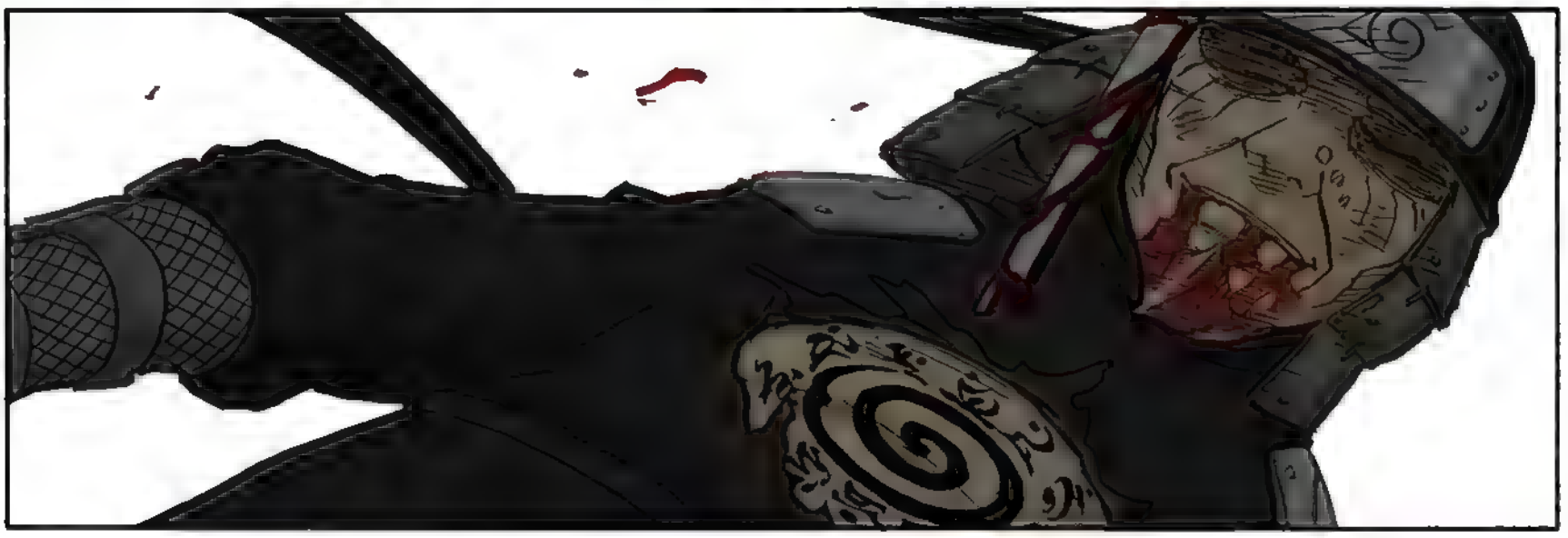

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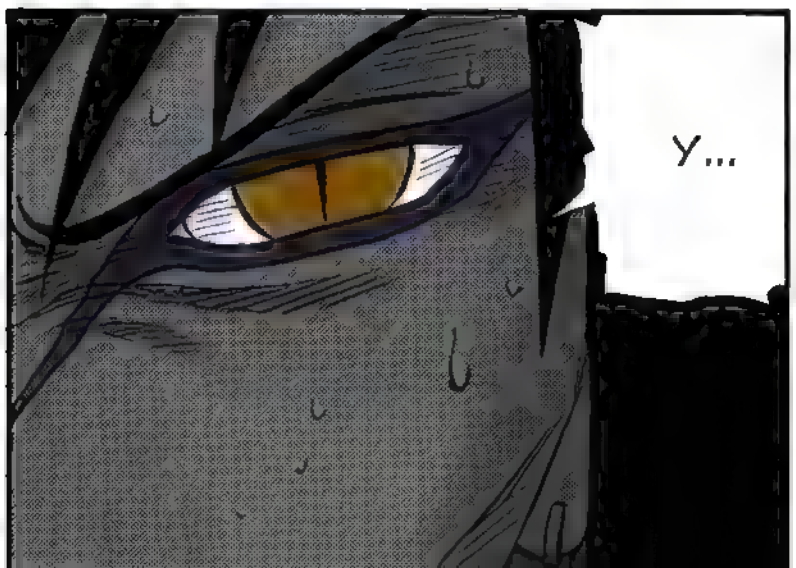
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WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!

CRAZY OLD MAN!!

LET ME AT LEAST REMOVE THIS BLADE...!

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SARUTOBI!!

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MOST FITTING FOR A SHINOBI ...

THAT WAS A TRUE LAST STAND...

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LORD OROCHI-MARU!!

AAARGH!!

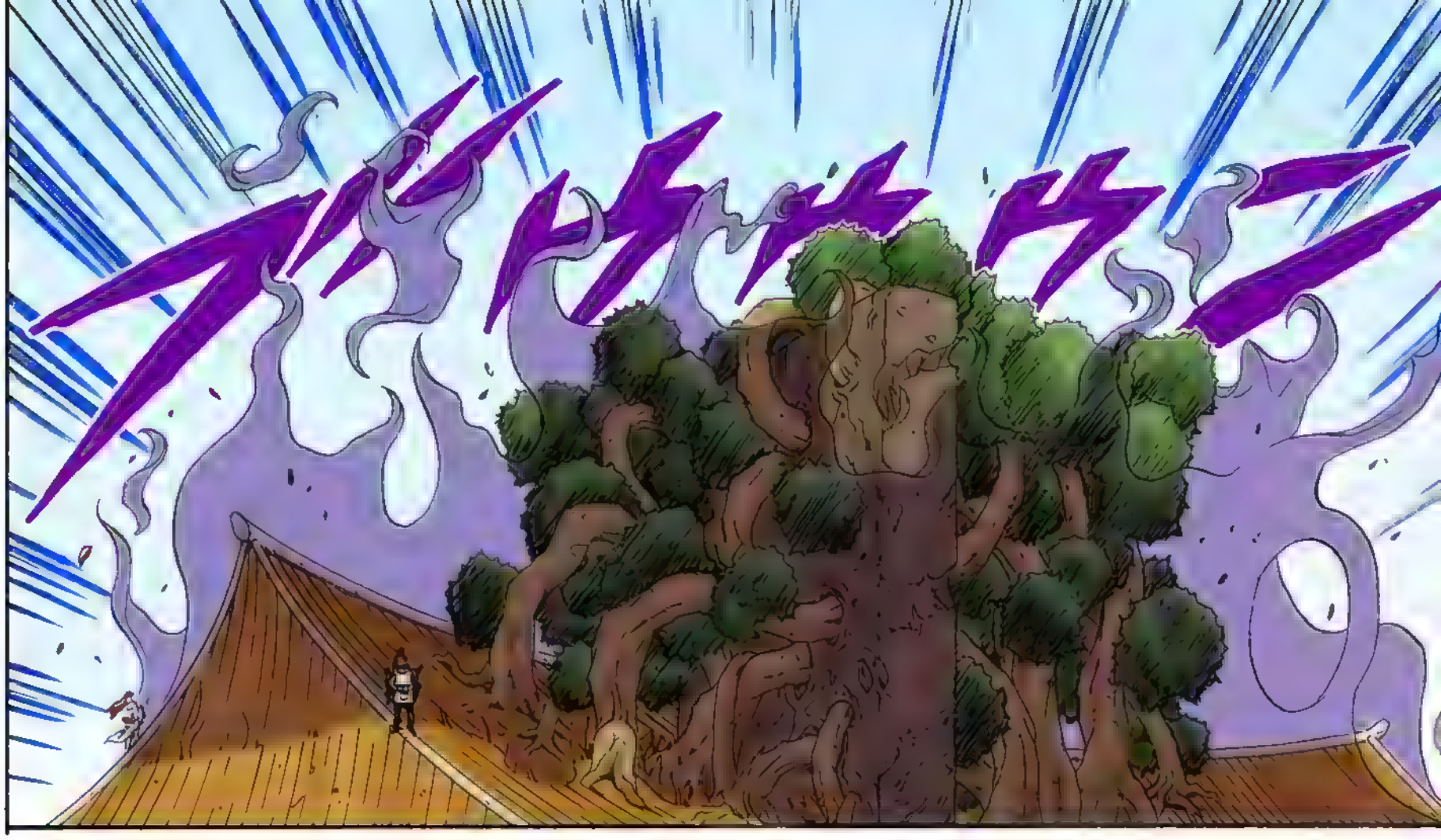
MY ARMS FEEL LIKE THEY'RE ON FIRE...

YOU MAY TAKE DOWN THE SHIELD...

WE'RE GOING HOME...

UGGH... WE'RE DONE FOR NOW...

YES, SIR!



LET'S GO!!

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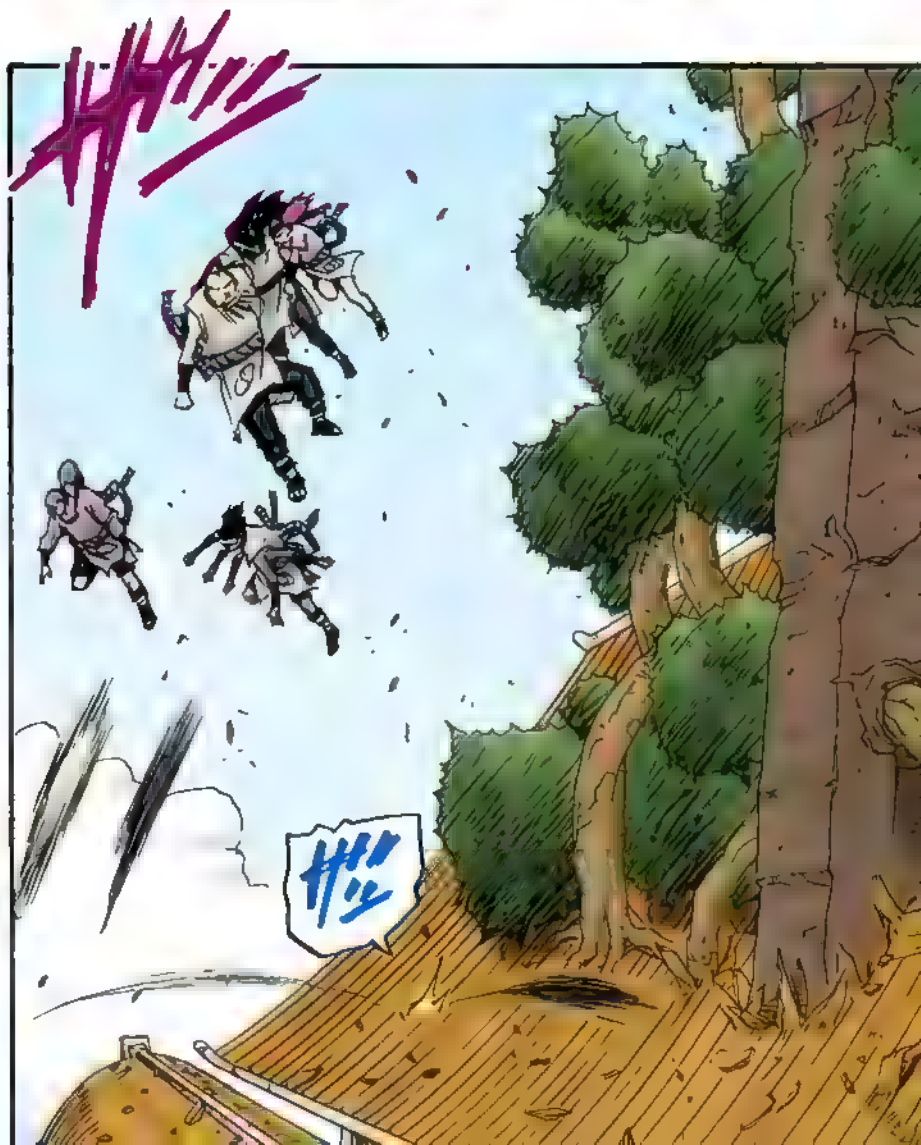
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!!



NINJA ART!

KUMOSHIBARI! SPIDER WEB NET!!

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STICKY THREADS INFUSED WITH CHAKRA...!

UGH!!

...WE'LL ONLY GET SNARED IN THE ENEMY'S TRAPS.

LET'S NOT BE HASTY. IF WE RUSH IN...

KAKASHI! THEY'RE ON THE MOVE.

NO, WAIT, GUY!

SHOULD WE CHASE AFTER THEM?!

BUT WHETHER THERE ARE TRAPS WAITING OR NOT, I CAN'T LET ENEMIES GET AWAY... IT'S JUST MY NATURE AS A KONOHA SHINOBI.

I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT.

SO YOU KNEW...

KABUTO ...

ALL YOU ENDED UP DOING WAS WATCHING...

...SO...

RUNNING AWAY FROM ME AGAIN?

I NO LONGER WISH TO SHOW YOU MY JUTSU SO YOU CAN JUST COPY IT.

FOR NOW, YES...

I THINK WE SHOULD RETREAT ...

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?

HEY...

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ALTHOUGH... IT DOES SEEM LIKE YOU HAVEN'T MASTERED THAT EYE AS COMPLETELY AS A MEMBER OF THE UCHIHA CLAN COULD HAVE...

WELL THEN.

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TEMARI
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SKITTER SCATTER

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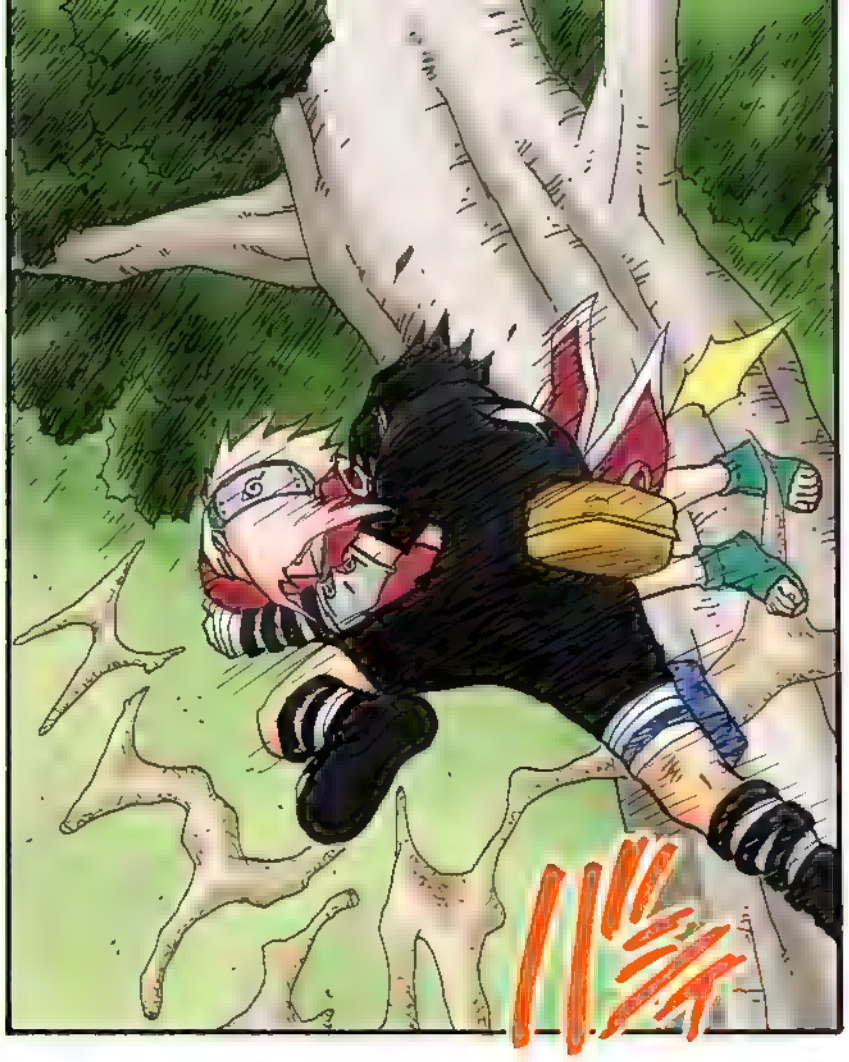
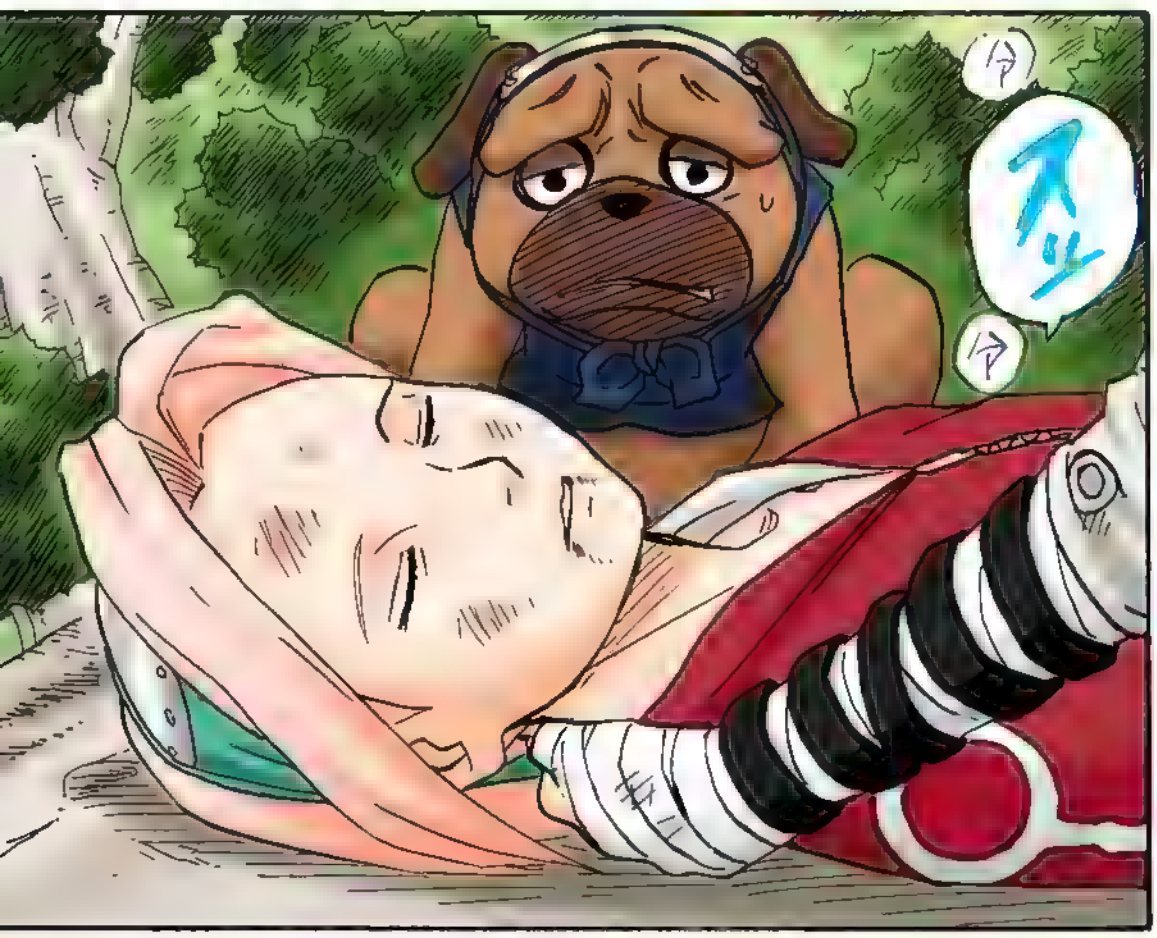
KANKURO!!

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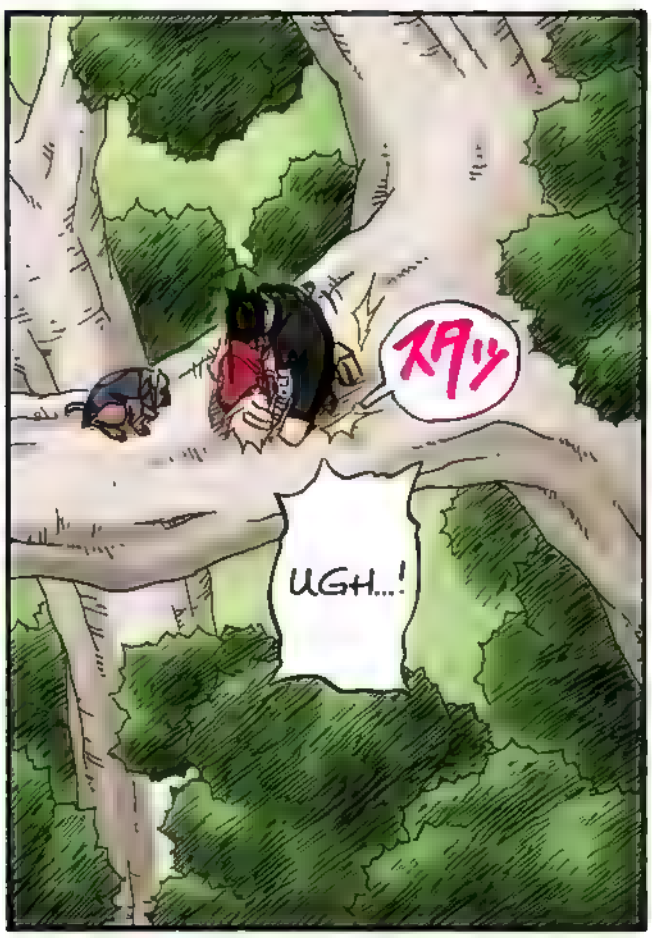
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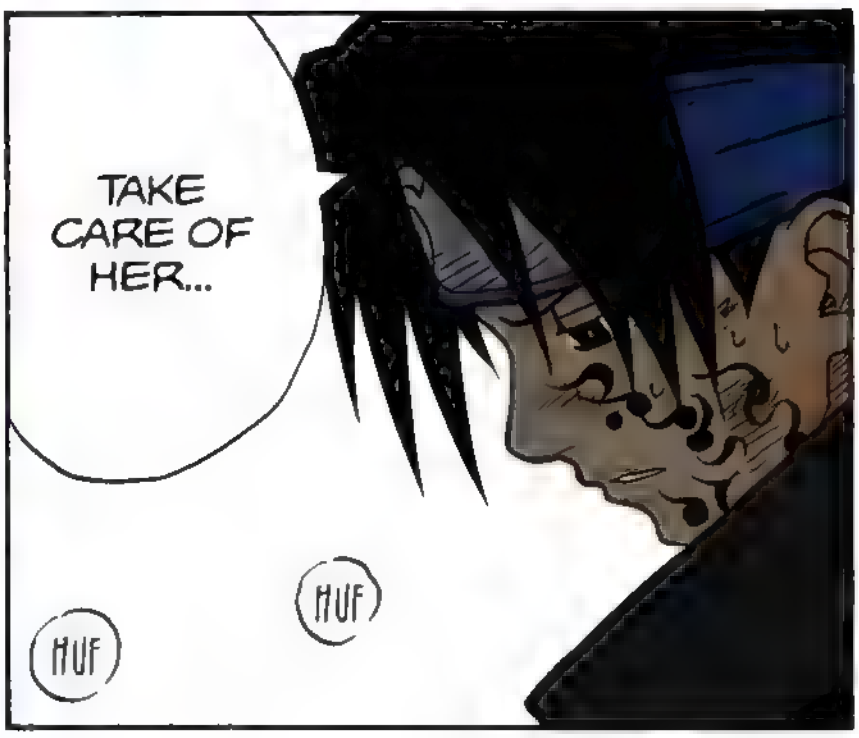
HEY!!


TAKE CARE OF HER...
HUF
HUF

WHY.... IS HE SO STRONG ?!

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UGH...

I WON'T !!

I REFUSE !!

...I WILL NOT CEASE TO EXIST ...!

WHOA! SOMETHING SURE IS STINKY!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO TALK TO HIM!

HE DOESN'T HAVE A FAMILY!

HEY! THERE HE IS!

SO THAT'S HIM, HUH...

GO AWAY!

FREAK!

FREAK!

DON'T GO NEAR HIM.

DIE!

STUPID!

SO THAT'S HIM, HUH...

GET LOST!

DON'T LOOK AT HIM.

THAT WAS THE MOST PAINFUL THING...

AND THEN IT CAME TO ME... I KNEW WHAT I WAS... AND I WAS FORCED TO ACCEPT IT.

UGH...!

SO... FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO I EXIST? WHY AM I ALIVE?

TO THEM... I AM NOW A RELIC OF THE PAST THAT THEY WISH TO ERASE AND FORGET.

SUPER-FLUOS, UNWANTED, SHUNNED...

ACCEPT-ING THAT I WAS ALONE IN THE WORLD...

UGH...!

D...DON'T COME NEAR ME!!

...THAT PAIN... OF BEING ALL ALONE...

...IT'S NOT TRIVIAL...

...THE WAY YOU FEEL... I DUNNO WHY, BUT... I UNDERSTAND IT SO WELL... THE HURT...

PEOPLE THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ME... I WON'T LET YOU HURT THEM...

BUT... I'VE GOT PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT ME NOW...

I WILL STOP THIS...

EVEN IF I HAVE TO KILL YOU...

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WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT OTHERS...?

UGH...

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WHY...

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THEY SAVED ME FROM MY PIT OF LONELINESS...

AND THEY UNDERSTAND ME...I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM...

I LOVE THEM.

THE FEELING THAT MAKES YOU WANT TO STRIVE FOR AND PROTECT THOSE AROUND YOU WHO ARE PRECIOUS TO YOU...

...LOVE...

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SO THAT'S WHY HE'S SO STRONG ...

YOU CAN STOP NOW, NARUTO...

UGH...

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...OH, GOODY...

GAARA'S USED UP ALL HIS CHAKRA. THE SAND AROUND SAKURA HAS GONE...

SAKURA'S SAFE.

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UZUMAKI NARUTO...

IT'S ALL RIGHT... I QUIT.

GAARA'S NEVER SEEMED SO EXHAU-STED.

ALL RIGHT ...

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PERHAPSE...

MAYBE
SOMEDAY...

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I'M SO SORRY...

TEMARI, KANKURO...

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UGH..!

UH, WELL, IT'S OKAY, I GUESS...

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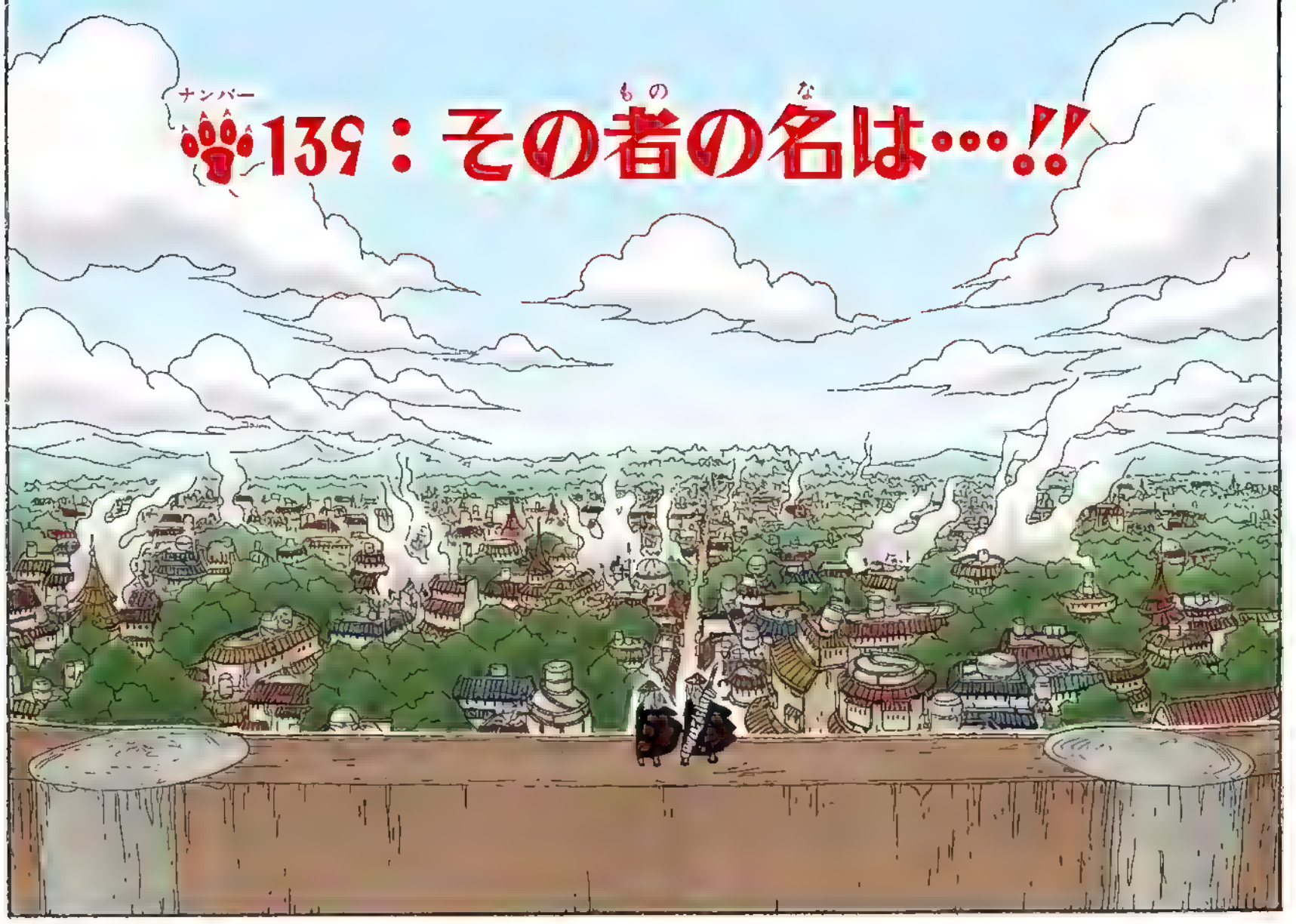

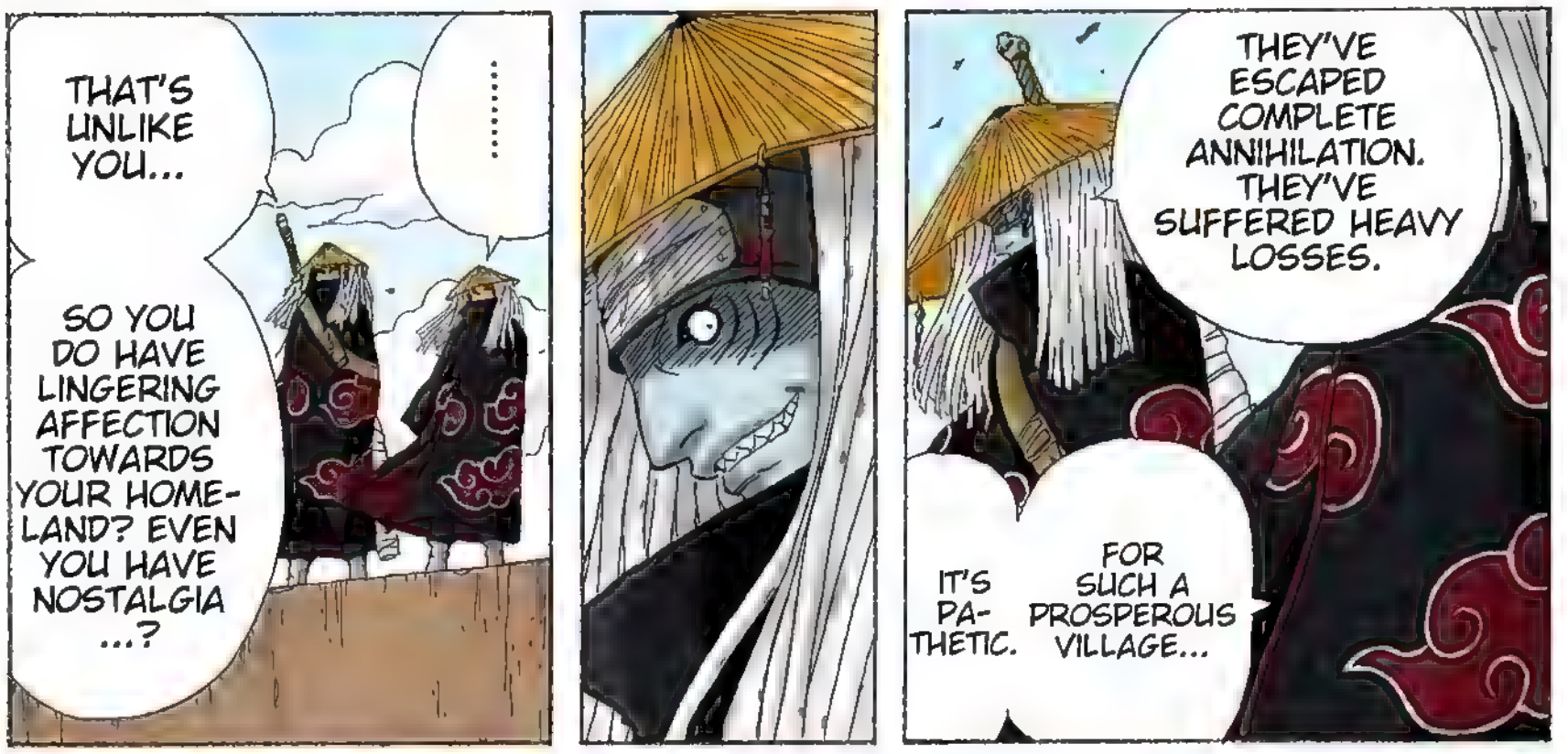

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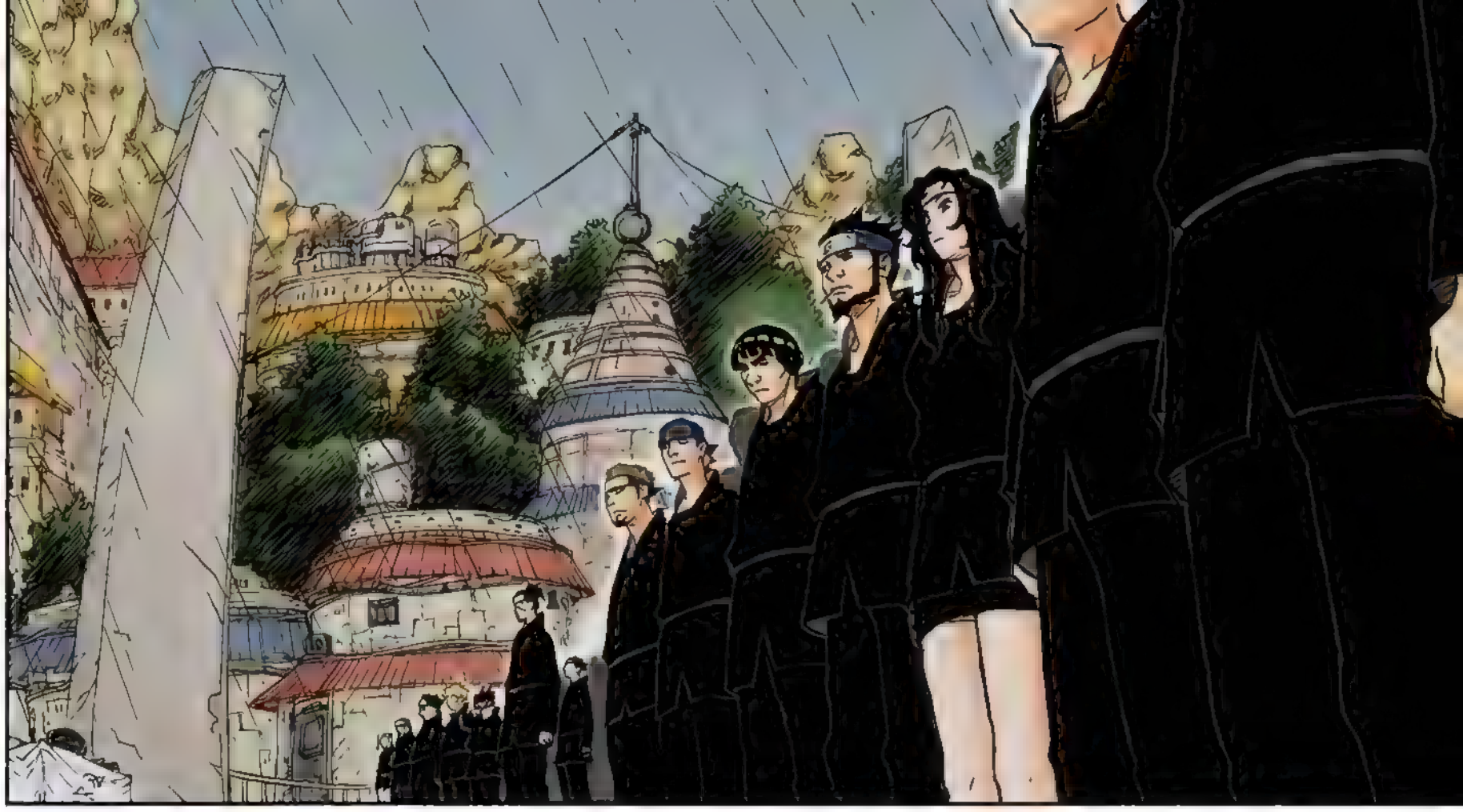

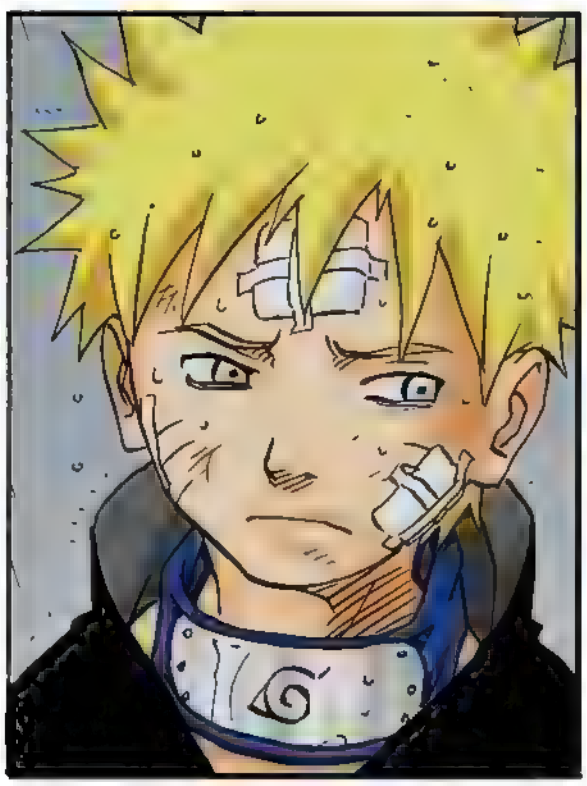

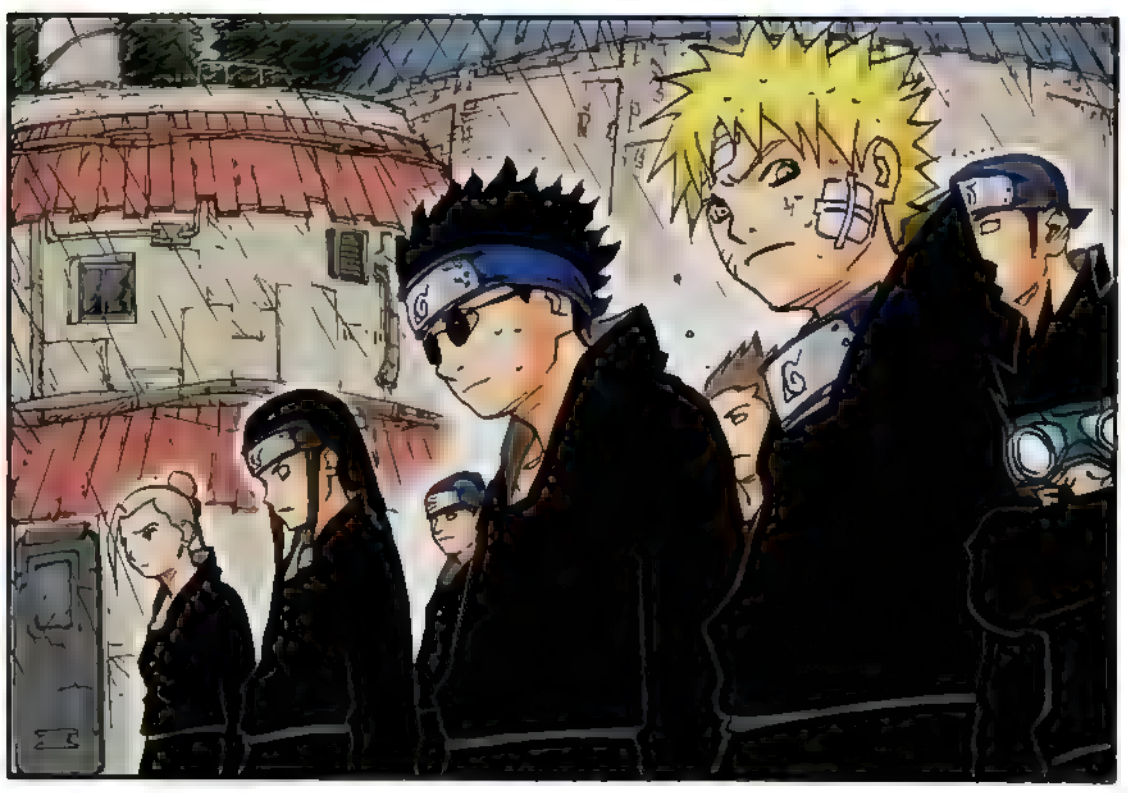

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...SOB...
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IT'S NOT EASY TO HIDE ONE'S GRIEF AND PRETEND TO LAUGH...

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN A YEAR, EH...

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SOB... SNIFF...

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...THAT AT THE ACADEMY...

...YOU'RE THE BUTT OF EVERYONE'S JOKES...

I HAVE HEARD FROM YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER..

...HELPED DEFEND THIS VILLAGE FROM THE FOX MONSTER AT THE COST OF THEIR LIVES...

THEY'RE HEROES!!

BOTH PA AND MA...

...

IT IS HONORABLE FOR SHINOBI TO DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY!!

I...I'M NOT SAD AT ALL!

I'M NOT SAD BECAUSE I'M NEVER ALONE!!

AND I AM THEIR SON!!

HOWEVER... AS YOU SAY, YOU ARE NOT ALONE...

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A BOY HUGS HIS KNEES ONLY WHEN HE FEELS TRULY ALONE...

ENOUGH ...

AND THESE, THESE ARE TEARS OF JOY...

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...WILL OF FIRE?

...CARRY THE WILL OF FIRE WITHIN THEM.

FOR ALL OF KONOHA'S SHINOBI...

THE BURNING DESIRE TO DEFEND THIS VILLAGE.

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...MY DEAR IRUKA... DO YOU POSSESS IT...?

...SO LONG AS ONE BEARS THIS WILL OF FIRE. EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN THIS VILLAGE ARE FAMILY...

.....

YEAH!

SOB...
SOB...

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THAT FOR HAYATE ...?

YOU BETTER HURRY...

THE THIRD HOKAGE'S FUNERAL SERVICE HAS ALREADY STARTED...

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AND YOU, KAKASHI? PAYING RESPECTS TO OBITO...?

INSTEAD OF CONSTANTLY INVENTING NEW EXCUSES FOR WHY YOU'RE LATE, WHY DON'T YOU JUST COME HERE EARLIER?

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...I DO... FIRST THING IN THE MORNING...

I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT WHAT AN IDIOT I USED TO BE...

...IT'S JUST THAT ONCE I GET HERE...

HEH.

GOOD GUESS, OROCHIMARU.

...ONE STUDENT WILL END UP TIED TO THE STUMP...?

THE FACT THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO MEANS...

THERE ARE TWO BELLS.

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SHUT UP, TSUNADE! YA TOMBOY FREAK!!

HA HA HA.. JIRAIYA, I WIN THE BET!

YOU'RE THE ONE ON THE STUMP, LIKE I GUESSED!

JINGLE

ALL RIGHT!! I'M UP FOR IT!!

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YES, SIR~

...HEH

WHAT DIDJA SAY, YOU EGGHEAD PERV?!!

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! BREAK IT UP NOW...

TSUNADE, YOU AND OROCHI-MARU CAN GO HOME.

SHOVE

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BUT...

IT'S DOWNRIGHT EMBARRASSING FOR A NINJA TO FALL FOR SUCH OBVIOUS TRAPS OVER AND OVER AGAIN!!

...SHEESH

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YOU COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM OROCHI-MARU!

SARUTOBI SENSEI, YOU'RE **ALWAYS** "OROCHIMARU THIS" AND "OROCHIMARU THAT!"

BUT FOR WHEN I GO RESEARCHING, I USE TRANSPARENCY JUTSU!

I HAVEN'T BEEN CAUGHT YET!

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I'M GOING WITH YOU NEXT TIME...

...SHEESH...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S SEE JUST HOW GOOD THESE SPYING JUTSU OF YOURS ARE...

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YOU OLD PERV, SARUTOBI SENSEI ...

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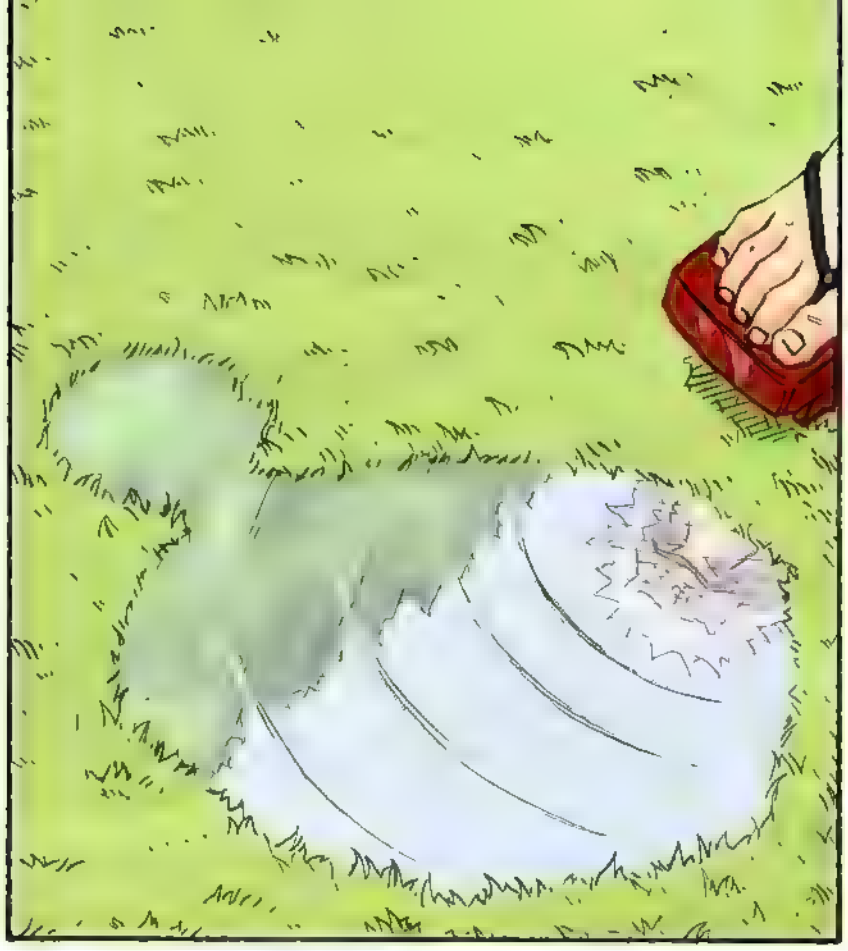

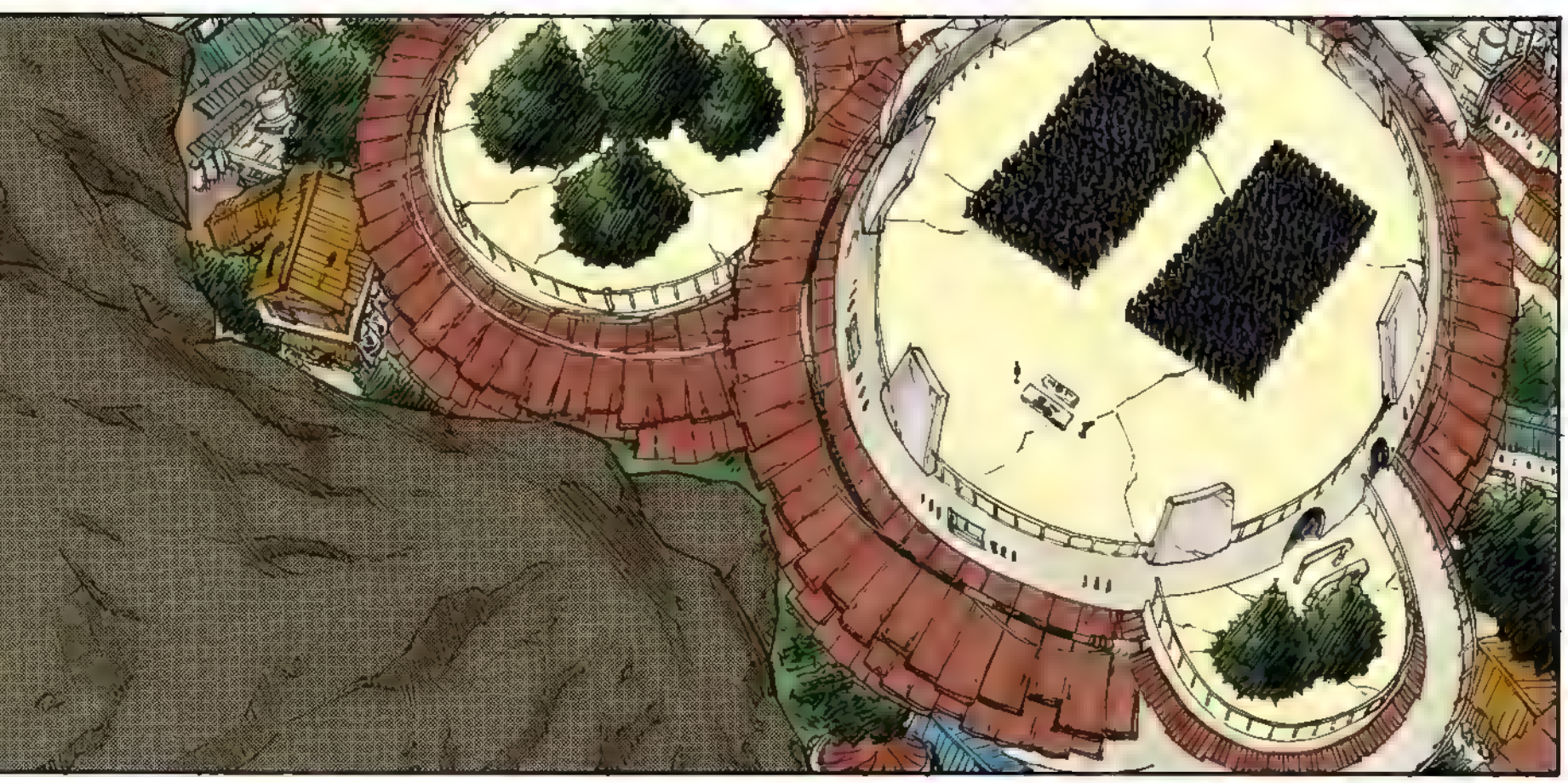

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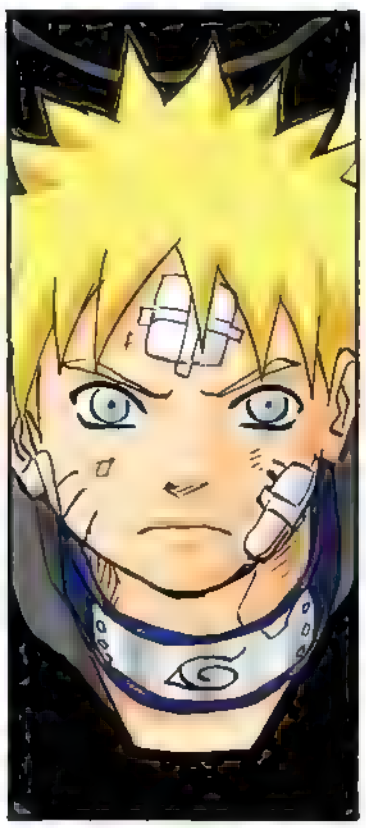

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...RISK THEIR OWN LIVES FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS...?

...WHY DO PEOPLE...

HAYATE IS ONE SUCH EXAMPLE...

THOSE WHO DIE HAVE DREAMS AND GOALS...BUT THEY ALL HAVE SOMETHING ELSE JUST AS IMPORTANT.

ALONG WITH THEIR PAST, THEIR CURRENT LIFE, AND THEIR FUTURE...

WHEN ONE HUMAN DIES... THEY PASS AWAY.

MANY PEOPLE DIE ON MISSIONS OR THROUGH WAR. AND WHEN THEY DIE, IT HAPPENS STARTLINGLY QUICKLY...AND SIMPLY.

THESE STRINGS THAT CONNECT THEM AS TIME PASSES...

...GROW THICKER AND STRONGER...

BONDS FORM BETWEEN THEM AND THOSE WHO ARE PRECIOUS TO THEM FROM THE TIME THEY ARE BORN, THROUGH TRUSTING AND HELPING EACH OTHER...

PARENTS, SIBLINGS, FRIENDS, THEIR FELLOW VILLAGERS, PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM...

...BECAUSE THEY HAVE THINGS TO PROTECT ...

THERE'S NO LOGIC OR REASON TO IT! PEOPLE JUST DO THINGS LIKE THAT...

YEAH... I THINK I'M STARTING... TO GET THAT NOW...

.....

HE DID LEAVE ALL OF US SOMETHING IMPORTANT...

WELL, THE THIRD HOKAGE DID NOT DIE IN VAIN.

BUT... ITS TOO PAINFUL TO DIE, TOO.

WELL, DON'T WORRY... YOU'LL UNDERSTAND EVENTUALLY.

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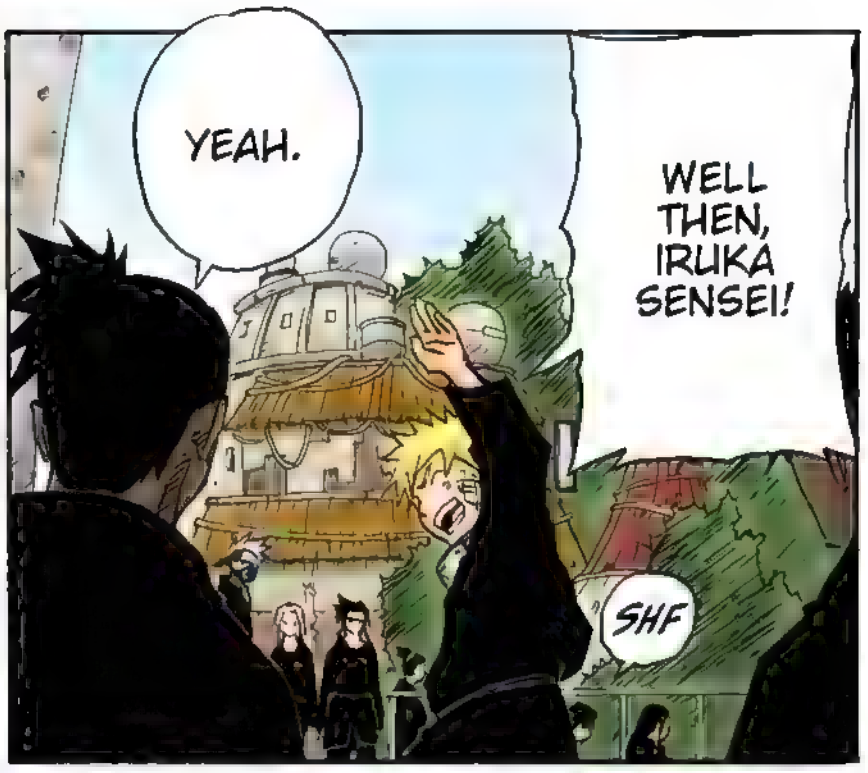
GIVE ME SOME CREDIT - I UNDERSTAND!

HEY...!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WELL THEN, IRUKA SENSEI!
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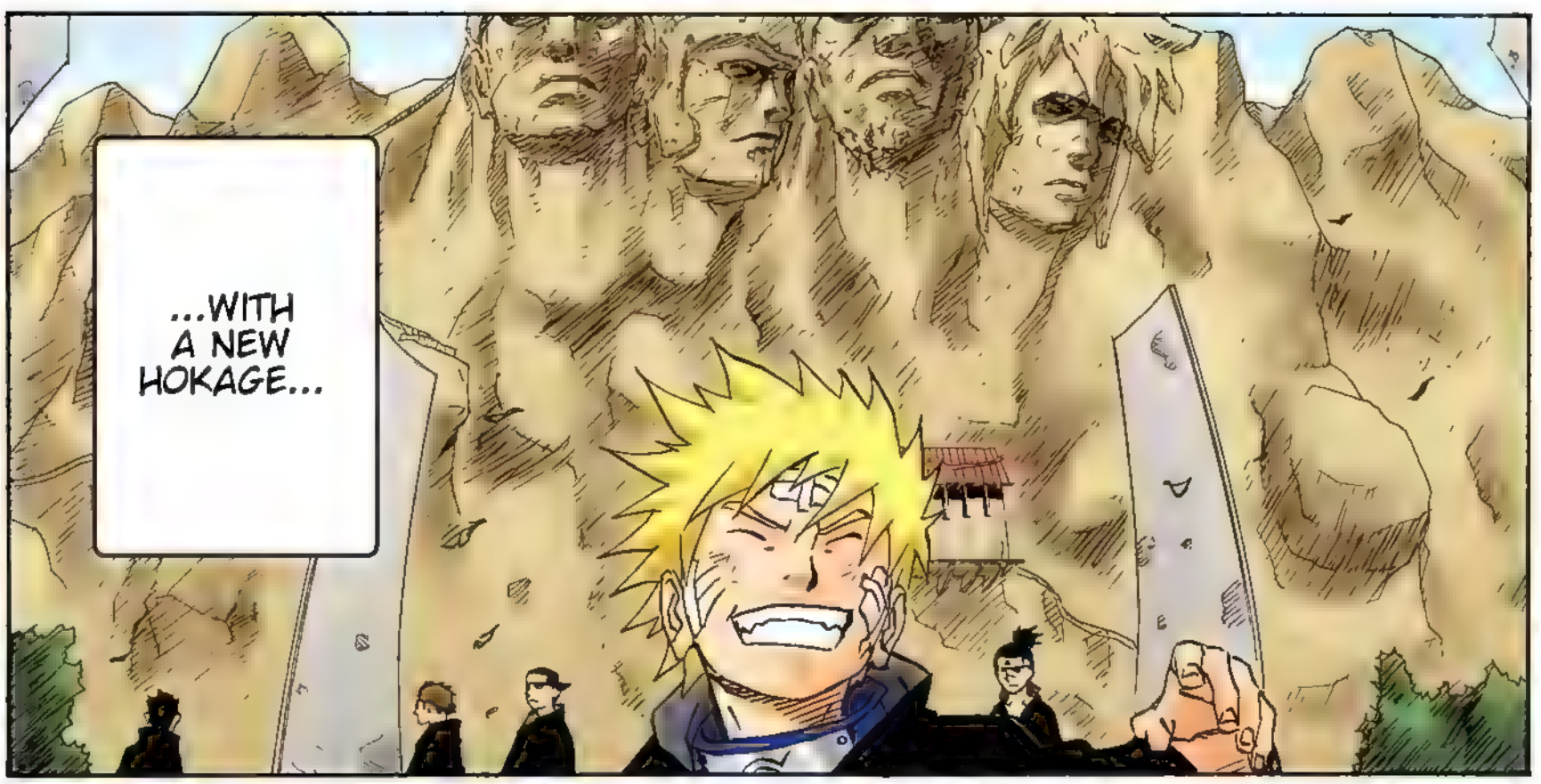
AND WILL COME TO PROT-ECT THIS VILLAGE ONCE MORE...
...THOSE LITTLE EMBERS THAT ALIGHT UPON THE TREE LEAVES WILL EVENTUALLY BLAZE STRONG AND FIERCE...

...HAVE SPLEND-IDLY INHER-ITED THE WILL OF FIRE OF WHICH YOU SPOKE...
THIRD HOKAGE... ...IT SEEMS ALL THE LITTLE TREE LEAVES OF KONOHA...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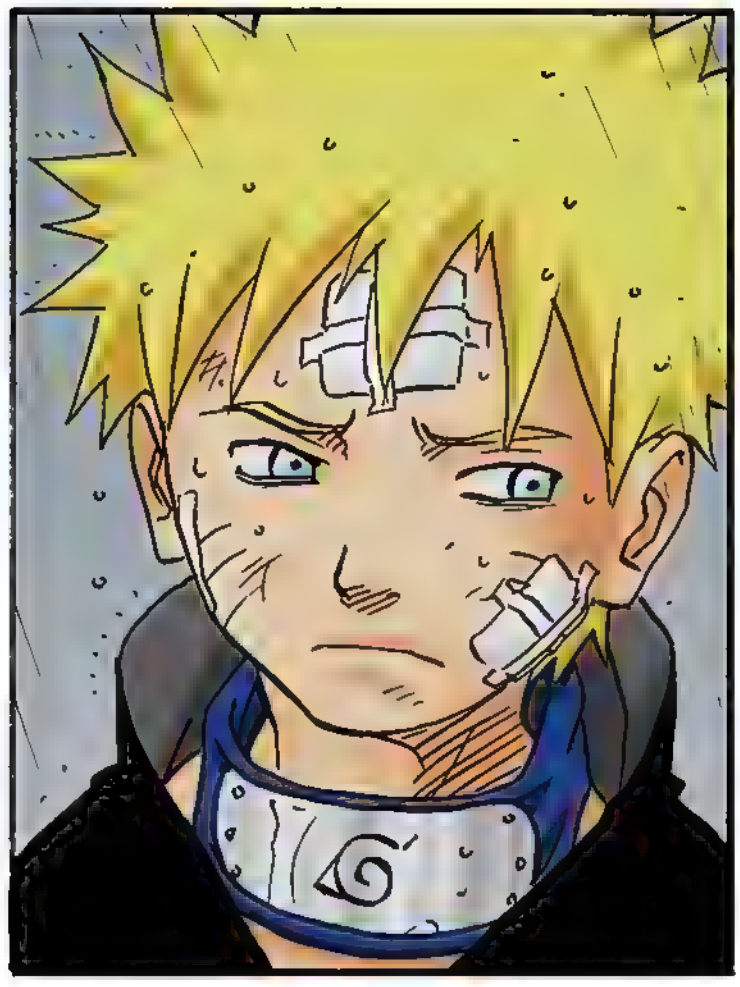

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YOU STILL ENGAGE IN SUCH FOOLISH ATIVITIES...?

TECHNI-CALLY, IT'S RESEARCH!

AND JUST WHAT BUSINESS DO THE CHIEF COUNSELORS HAVE WITH ME?

IF IT ISN'T OLD MAN HOMURA AND MISTRESS KOHARU...

UGH...!

SARU-TOBI... YOU...!

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EVEN SUMMONING TWO OF THE FIVE SHADOWS ...

BESIDES, YOU DID EXTREMELY WELL.

AFTER ALL, WE DID TAKE ON THE HOKAGE FULLY KNOWING HIS REPUTATION AS THE STRONGEST LEADER OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TERRITORIES.

WELL, WE KNEW IT WASN'T GOING TO BE EASY.

I WILL KILL YOU...

I WON'T BE PATRONIZED, DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME...?

YOU DID DECORATE HIM WITH YOUR COLLAR...

FOR SURE, PERHAPS WE WERE NOT ABLE TO TAKE DOWN THE VILLAGE, BUT...

IN TERMS OF OUR OTHER GOAL, SASUKE UCHIHA...

...THAT WAS NOT MY INTENTION, OF COURSE

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AT THE COST OF THESE ARMS AND ALL MY JUTSU...

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HEH... HEH... HEH...

HE IS STRONGER THAN I...

BUT THAT DREAM HAS DIED...

THIS ALL WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY IF WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO ROPE IN ITACHI UCHIHA FROM THE BEGINNING...

THAT'S WHY... I BROKE AWAY FROM THAT ORGAN-IZATION...

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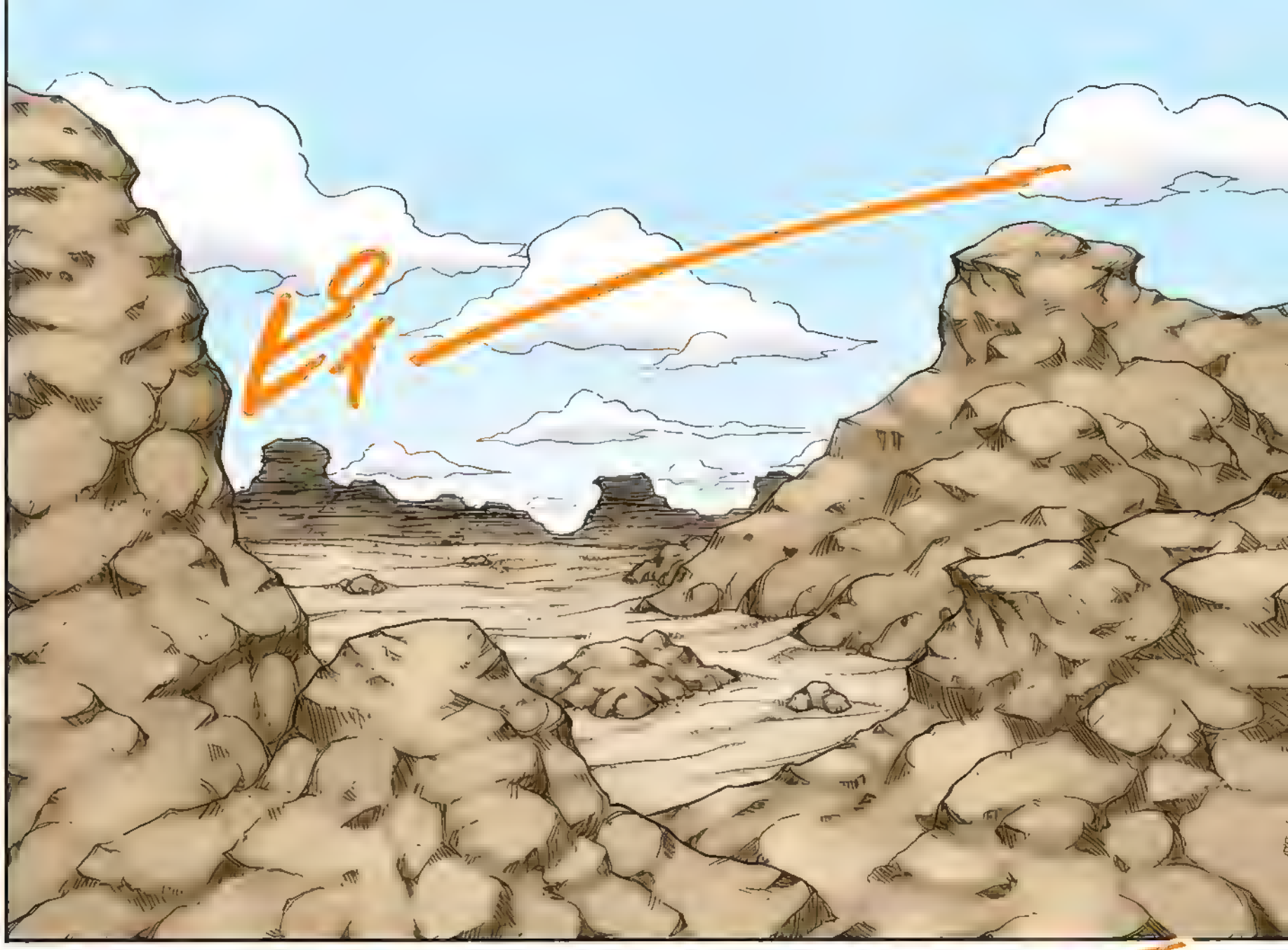
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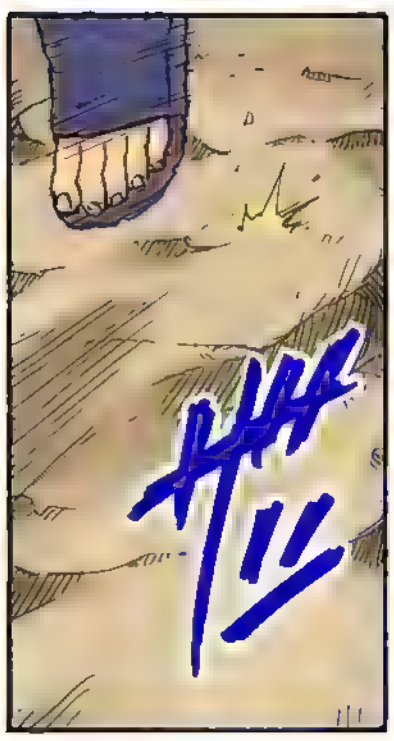
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THIS WAY!

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TH... THAT'S!

...GAH ...

THE BODIES ARE DECAYED...

...I SUSPECT THEY WERE KILLED BEFORE THE START...

I SEE... SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, HUH...

...BLAST HIM...

OROCHIMARU...

WE WERE CARELESS.

AFTER LORD KAZEKAGE'S ASSASSINATION, OROCHIMARU... OR PERHAPS KABUTO... ASSUMED HIS IDENTITY...

FOR KONOHA ALSO HAD FOREMOST IN MIND RECOVERY FROM THE RAVAGES OF WAR AND THE RESTOR-ATION OF THEIR NATION'S STRENGTH.

THEY PROCLAIMED THEIR SURRENDER TO KONOHA. IN WHICH KONOHA GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED.

SUNAGAKURE RUSHED TO ANNOUNCE THE KAZEKAGE'S DEATH AND THAT OROCHIMARU HAD BEEN THE MASTER-MIND BEHIND THE ENTIRE OPERATION.

WHAT BUSI-NESS, YOU SAY...?

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW, WITHOUT ME HAVING TO SPELL IT OUT!

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...AT THIS POINT, OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SUNAGAKURE IS NOT AN URGENT MATTER.

WHY SUCH GRIM FACES? I HEARD THE TALKS WITH SAND WENT WELL.

THEREFORE, UNTIL THE VILLAGE HAS RESTORED ITS STRENGTH, WE HAVE DECIDED TO GATHER THE TOP NINJA FROM EACH CELL AND ASSEMBLE AN EMER-GENCY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO HANDLE THE SITUATION.

...BUT FIRST...

...WE DON'T KNOW WHEN OR IF ANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS WILL MAKE A BOLD MOVE...

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY MUST BE TO ANTICIPATE AND PREPARE FOR ANY FURTHER CRISES.

RIGHT NOW, KONOHA-GAKURE'S STRENGTH IS AT A FRIGHTFUL LOW...

UNDERSTAND THIS... ONE FUNDAMENTAL POLICY WE CANNOT IGNORE...

...AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE ARE SEEDS OF TROUBLE SCATTERED ALL ABOUT...

OROCHI-MARU ISN'T OUR ONLY PROBLEM.

WE NEED A STRONG, TRUSTWORTHY LEADER.

...IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE YOU.

AND SO, YESTERDAY, IN AN EMERGENCY MEETING WITH THE RULER OF THE LAND OF FIRE... JIRAIYA...

WE NEED OUR FIFTH HOKAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

I'M NOT SUITED FOR SUCH A...

SORRY, BUT NO THANKS.

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IF IT'S ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI YOU'RE AFTER, THERE'S STILL ONE OTHER...

BESIDES, IF YOU, ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI OF KONOHA LEGEND, ARE NOT SUITED FOR IT, THEN WHO IS?!

THE DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE.

TSUNADE...

...HOWEVER...

WOULD THAT BE ACCEPT-ABLE?

I'LL TRACK HER DOWN AND BRING HER BACK.

WE DO NOT KNOW HER WHERE-ABOUTS AT ALL.

...SHE MAY INDEED BE AN APPRO-PRIATE CANDIDATE, BUT...

AS OPPOSED TO UN-WILLING, APATHETIC ME...

THE SHARP GO-GETTING PRINCESS TSUNADE IS MUCH BETTER SUITED FOR HOKAGE.

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ALL RIGHT... WE'LL PUT IT UNDER CONSID-ERATION IMMEDI-ATELY...

HOWEVER, WE SHALL ATTACH THREE ANBU BLACK OPS TO YOU FOR YOUR TSUNADE SEARCH PARTY...

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WELL..?

DON'T WORRY, I SWEAR I WON'T RUN AWAY.

I DON'T NEED CHAPERONES.

JUST... THERE IS ONE FELLOW I'D LIKE TO TAKE WITH ME ON MY TRAVELS.

I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT HE CAN DO.

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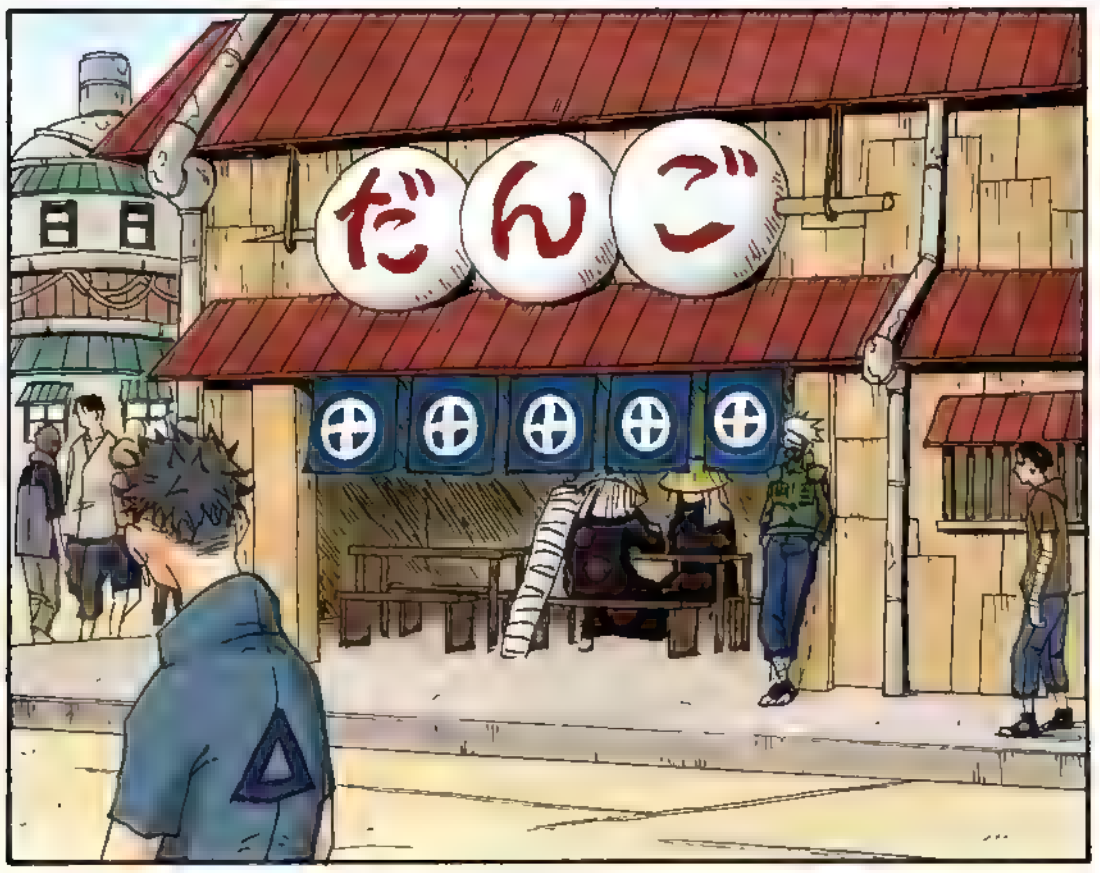
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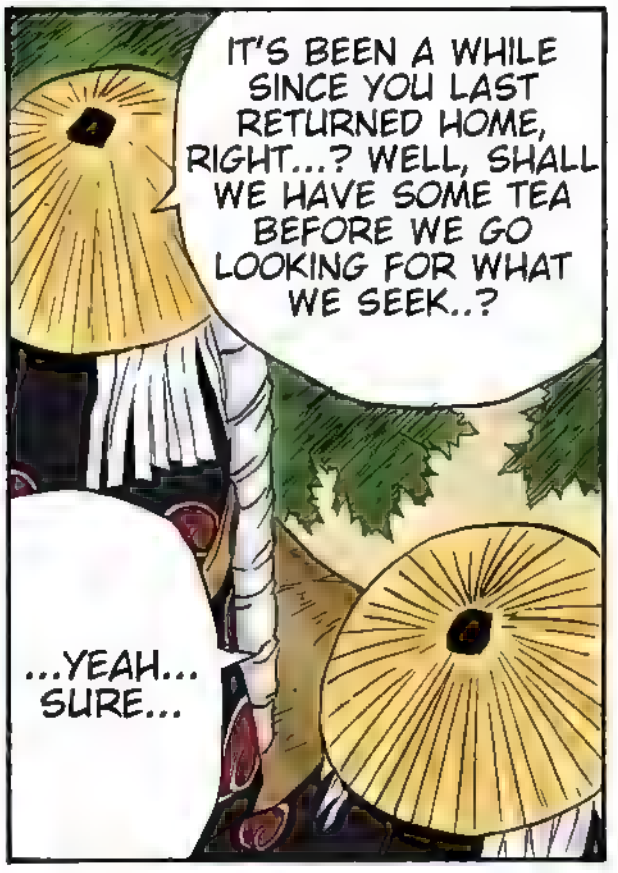
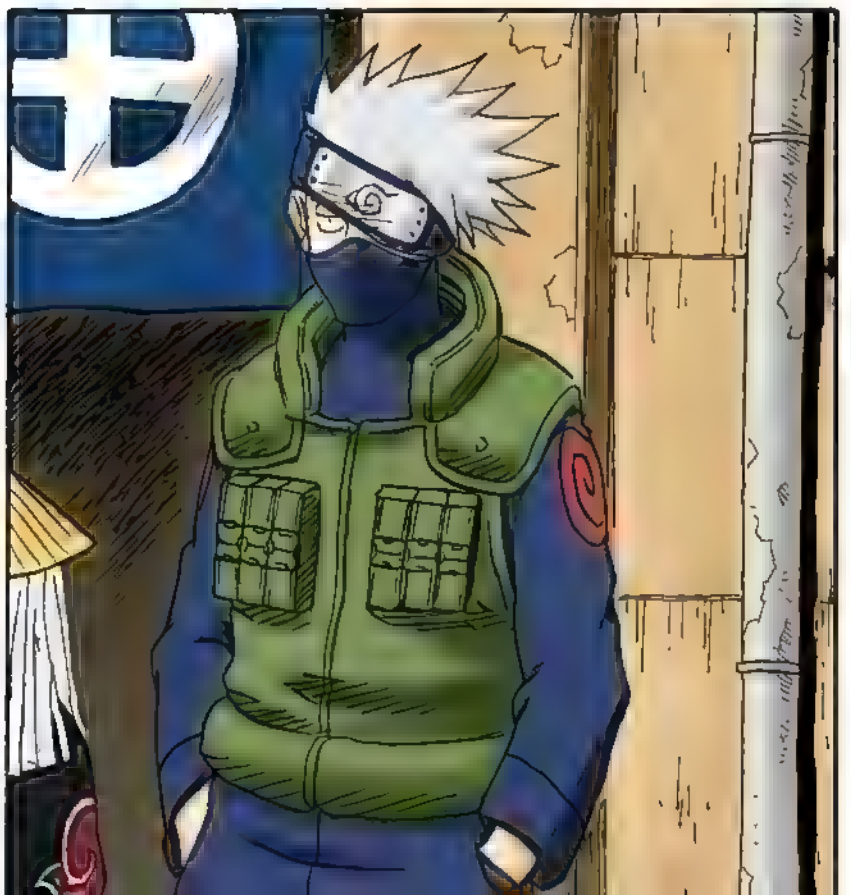
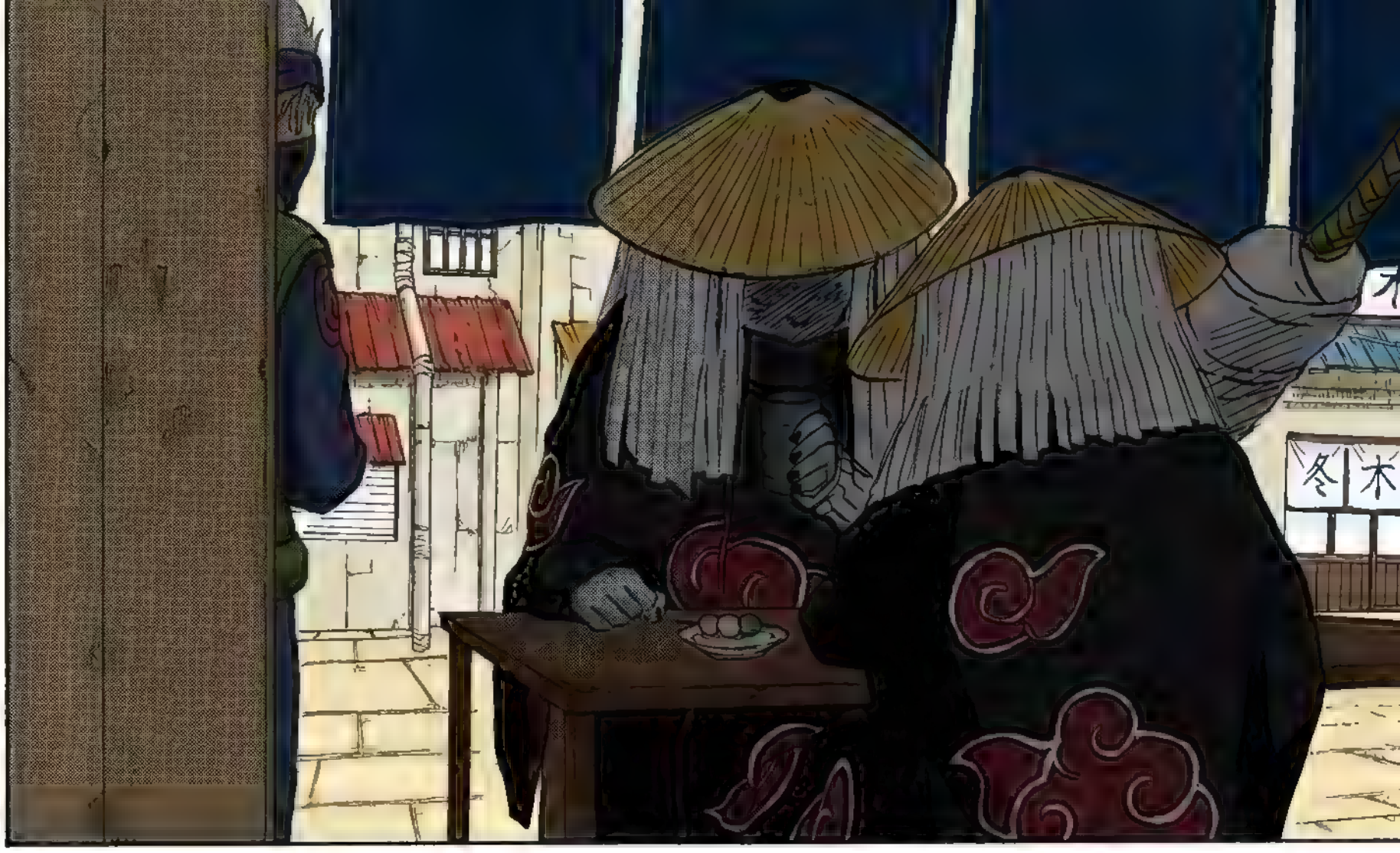

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU LAST RETURNED HOME, RIGHT...? WELL, SHALL WE HAVE SOME TEA BEFORE WE GO LOOKING FOR WHAT WE SEEK..?
...YEAH... SURE...





FOOL, ANKO ASKED ME TO BUY HER SOME DANGO.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE SWEETS...

YO! HEY THERE, YOU TWO... YOU'RE SO CHUMMY...

ARE YOU ON A DATE?

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SASUKE, ACTUALLY.

WELL... I CAME TO BUY SOME-THING TO PUT ON A GRAVE, SO I FIGURED I'D JUST MEET UP WITH SOMEONE HERE WHILE I WAS AT IT.

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WOAH, KAKASHI... YOU SHOWED UP BEFORE ME?

WELL! I CAN BE ON TIME ONCE IN A WHILE...

THAT'S A RARE SIGHT, FOR YOU TO BE WAITING FOR SOMEONE...

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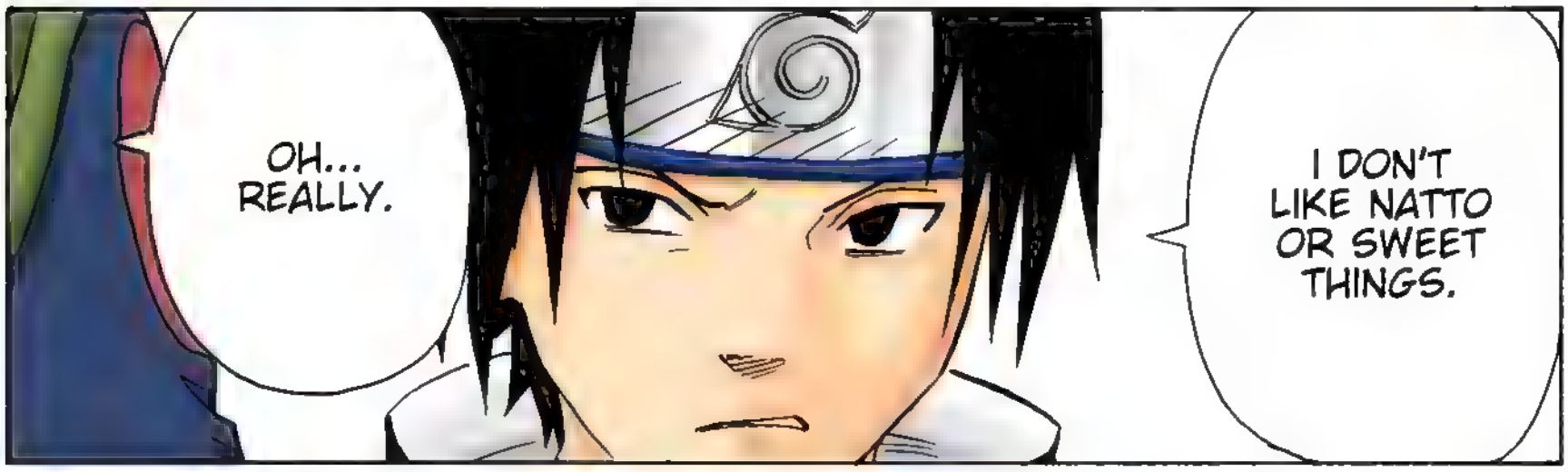
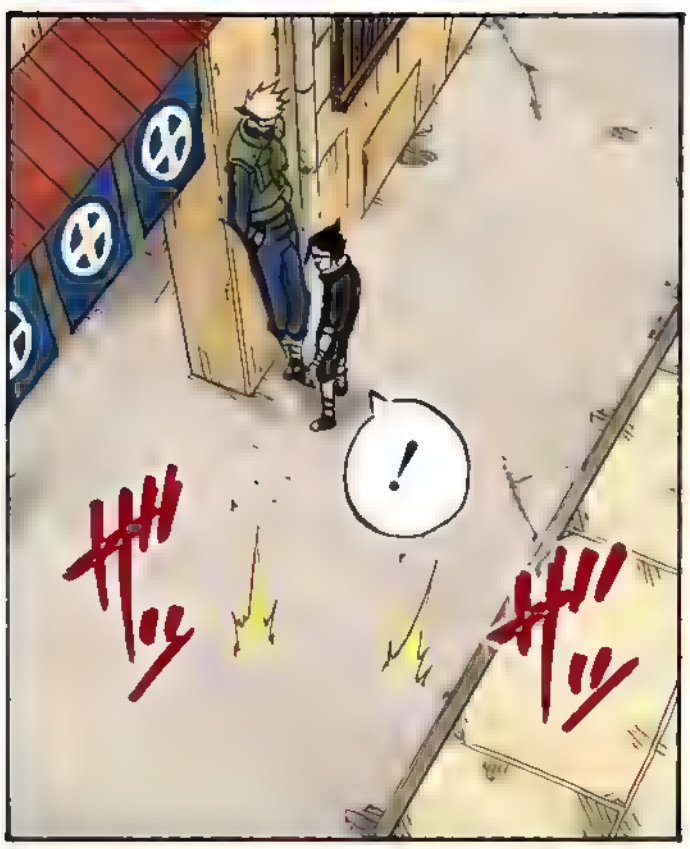

OH... REALLY.
I DON'T LIKE NATTO OR SWEET THINGS.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IT'S JUST AS I HAD HEARD... YOU REALLY DO EAT NOTHING BUT RAMEN, HUH...

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YUMO! PFERFY PFAGE!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG...

ASUMA... KURENAI...

SHF

YOU'RE NOT FROM THIS VILLAGE...

WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE...?

YOU COULD ONLY KNOW OUR NAMES...

...IF YOU WERE SHINOBI OF THIS VILLAGE.

Y... YOU'RE?!

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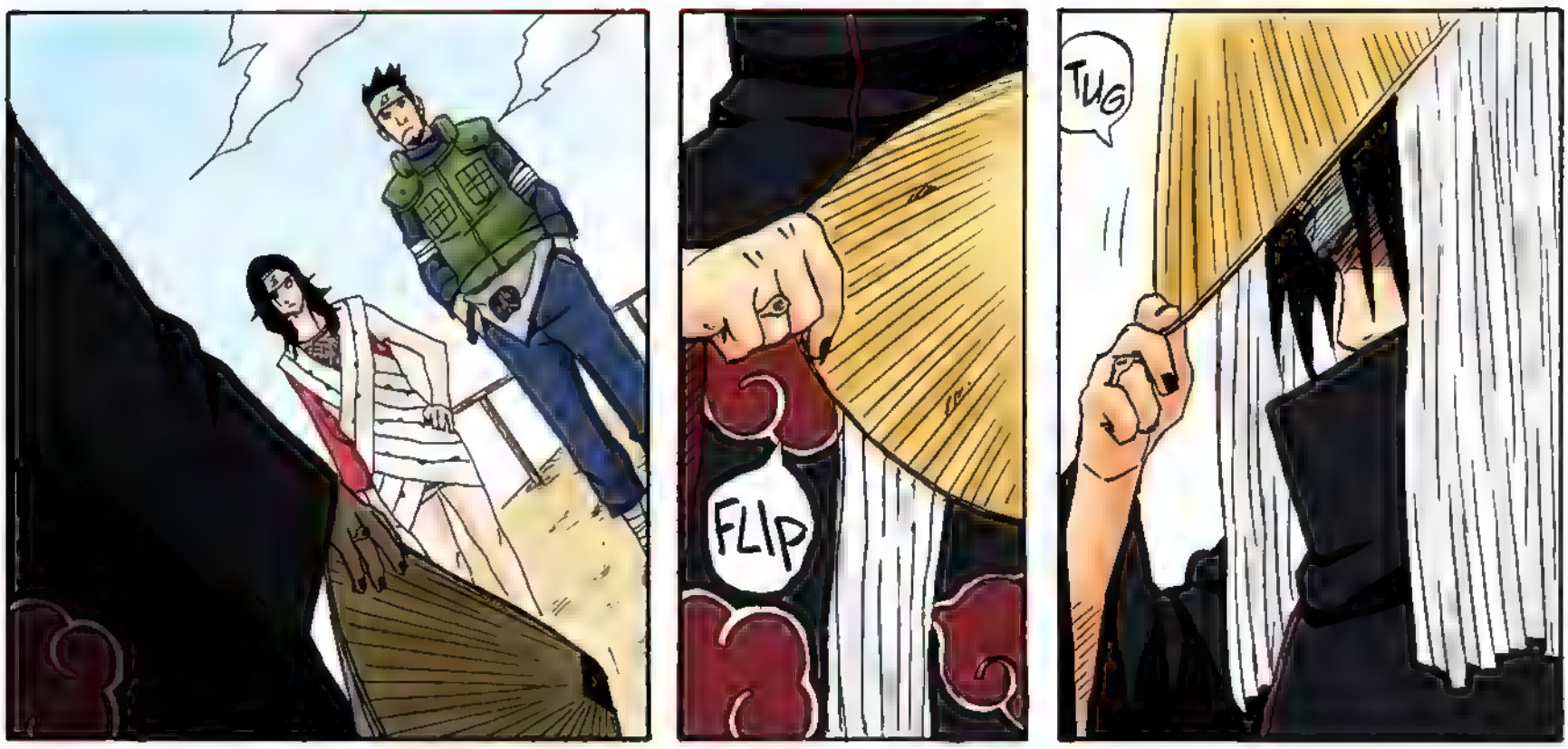
UCHIHA ITACHI!!



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I SUPPOSE... I SHOULD INTRODUCE MYSELF AS WELL.

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...ARE THEY ACQUAIN-TANCES OF YOURS, ITACHI-SAN?

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I AM HOSHIGAKI KISAME.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, AND HOPE TO GET TO KNOW YOU LATER.

THERE'S NO LATER.

I'M GONNA TAKE YOU DOWN RIGHT NOW!

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HOSHIGAKI KISAME, A FORMER KIRIGAKURE SHINOBI...

I'VE HEARD OF YOU...

...ITACHI... IT SEEMS THAT YOU TOO ARE RATHER DETESTED IN YOUR HOME VILLAGE.

...FOR CHARGES SUCH AS ASSASSINATION AND SUBVERSIVE MACHINATIONS AGAINST THE STATE.

AN OUTLAW SHINOBI CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT BY THE LAND OF WATER...

...YOU TWO... ARE MAJOR FELONS THAT HAVE BINGO BOOK RANK S.

YOU'VE GOT GUTS TO STEP FOOT IN THIS VILLAGE AGAIN AFTER WHAT YOU DID...

ITACHI ...

...

FOR SOMEONE WHO'S COMMITTED PARRICIDE, THAT'S AN ODD THING TO SAY.

BESIDES ...

...ASUMA, KURENAI...

PLEASE DO NOT INTERFERE... I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU.

...THERE'S NO WAY YOU WOULD JUST SHOW UP LIKE THIS, NONCHA-LANTLY...

...WEARING CLOTHES THAT DON'T LOOK RESPECTABLE, FOR ABSO-LUTELY NO REASON.

SO WHAT ARE YOU AFTER?

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SHALL I KILL HIM?

HE BOTHERS ME.

UNDER-STOOD.

YOUR MOVES TEND TO ATTRACT ATTEN-TION...

JUST TRY NOT TO OVERDO IT.

WELL, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO JUST WALK OUT OF THE VILLAGE WITHOUT A FIGHT, SO...

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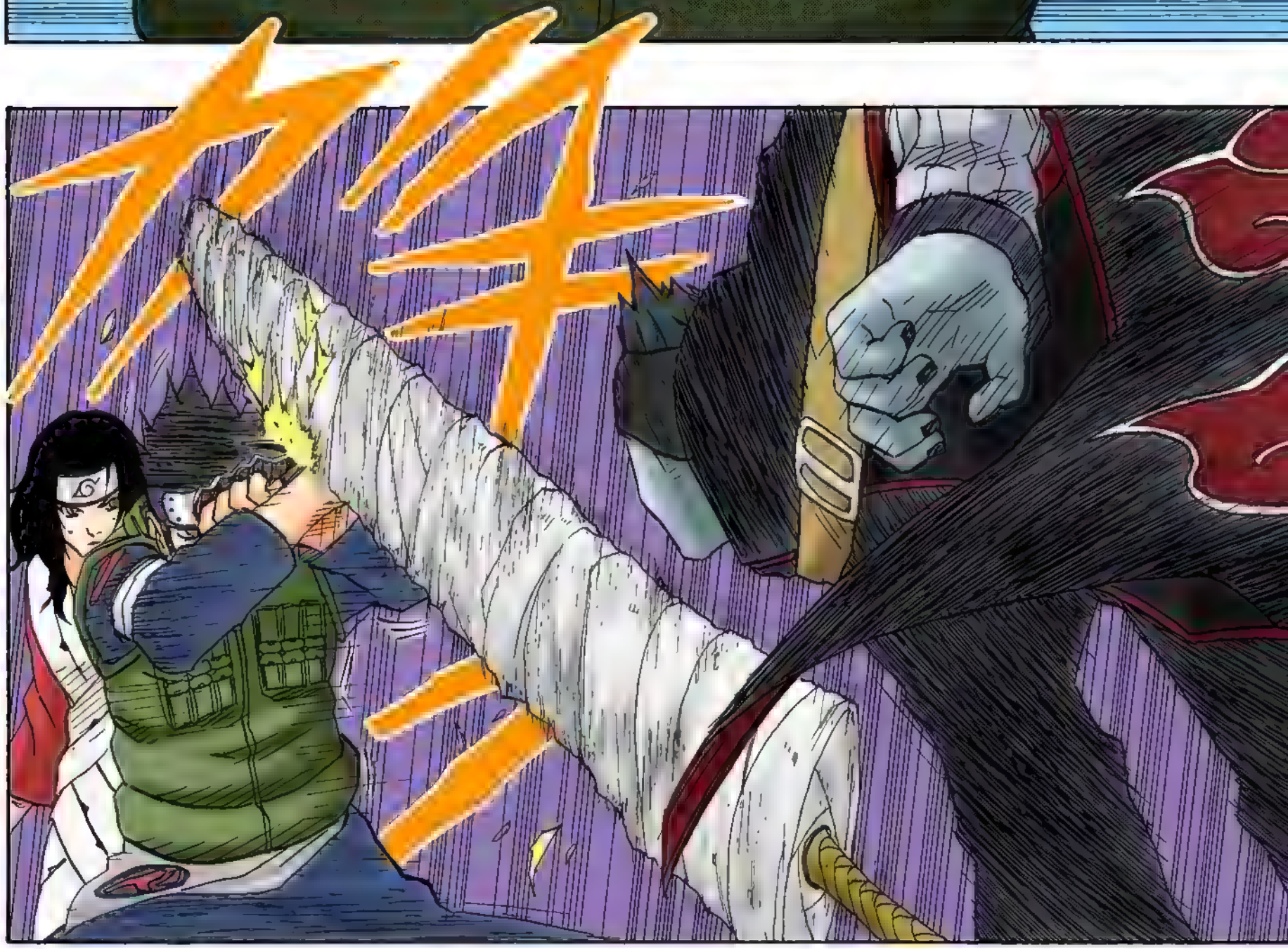

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THIS IS...

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...GENJUTSU!

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YAAAH!!!
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HE'S KEEPING ME DOWN WITH JUST THE TIP OF HIS BLADE... SUCH STRENGTH!
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...!!
IT CUTS YOU TO RIBBONS!!
SPLISH
MY LONG SWORD IS CALLED SAMEHADA! IT MEANS SHARKSKIN! IT DOESN'T SLICE...
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KURENAI... WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?

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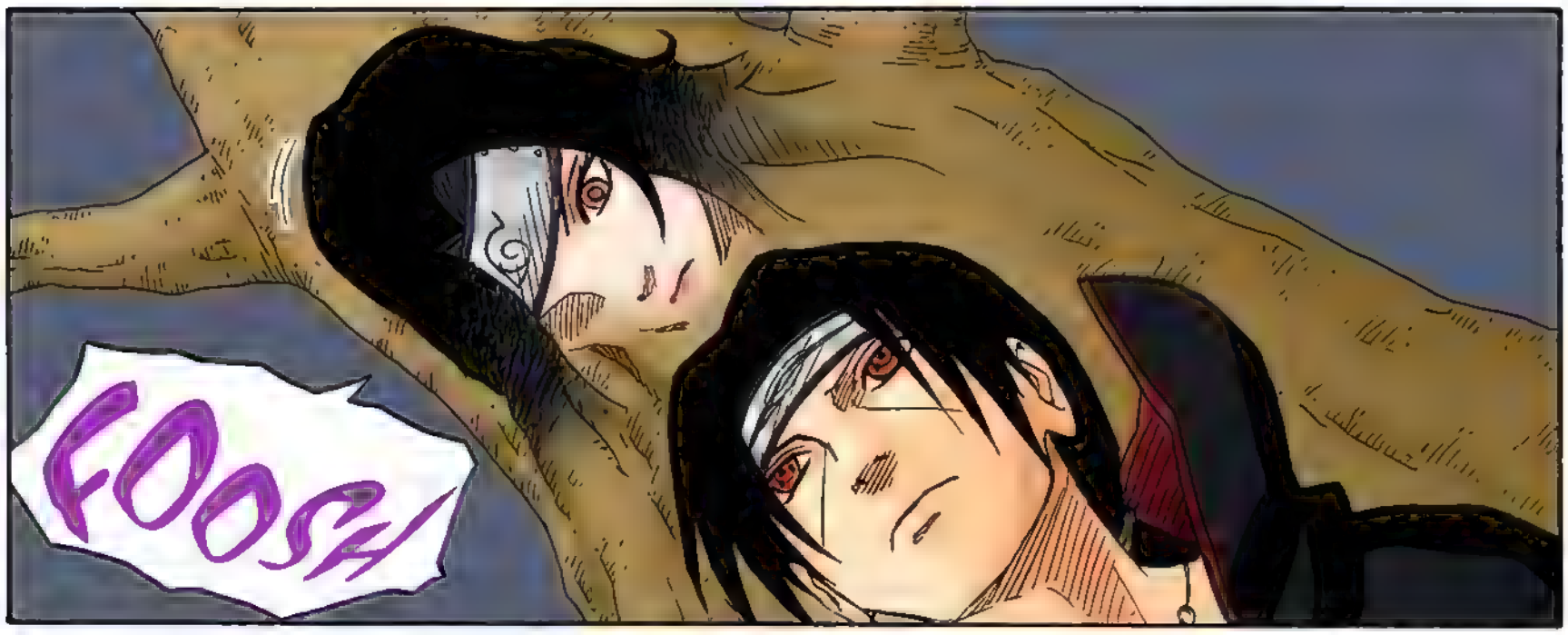
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YOU'RE FINISHED.

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A WEAK GENJUTSU HAS NO EFFECT ON ME...

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THIS IS... GENJUTSU-GAESHI! REFLECTION TECHNIQUE !!

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DON'T GET DISTRACTED.

KURENAI !!

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IMPRESSIVE, KURENAI... HOWEVER...

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FOR YOU, THAT IS.

...IT ALL ENDS NOW.

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WHAT?!

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WATER STYLE!

SUIKÔDAN NO JUTSU! SHARK BOMB!!

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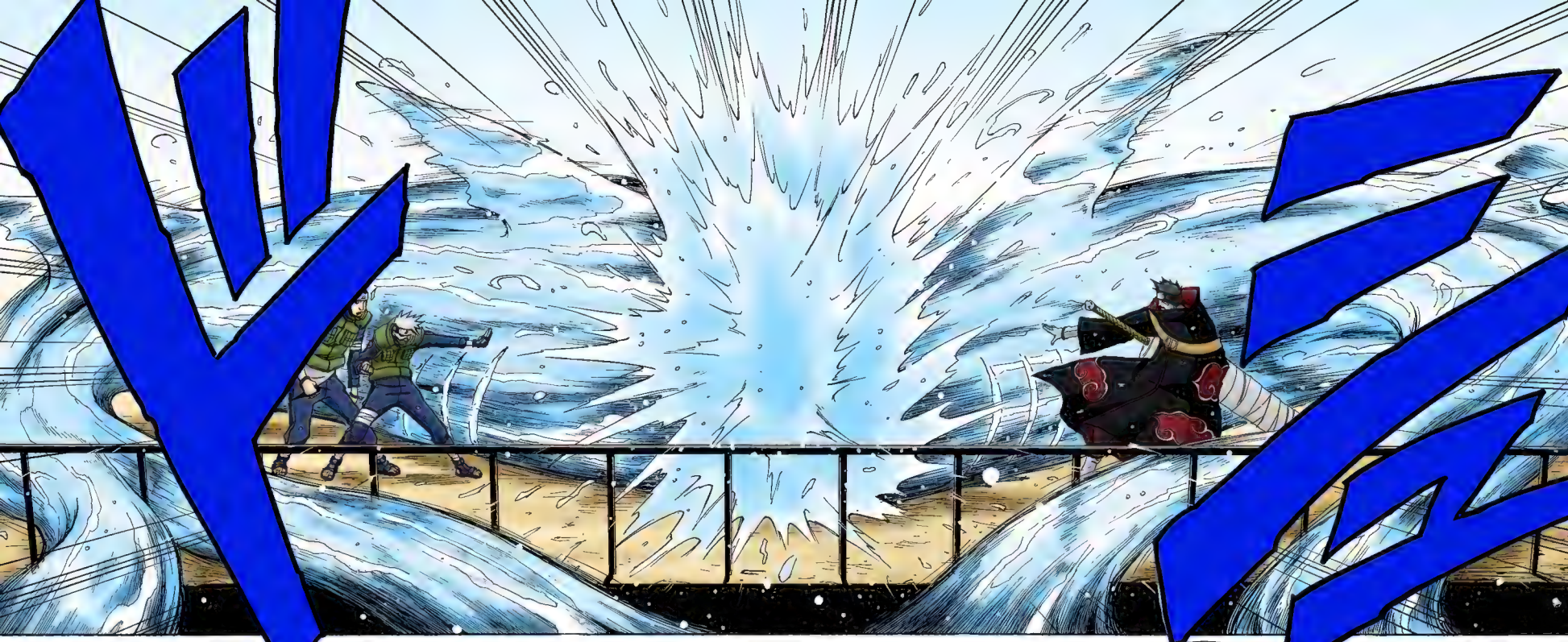

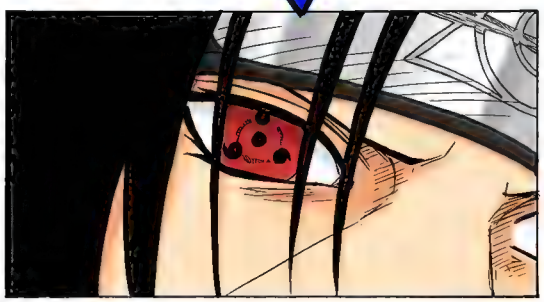

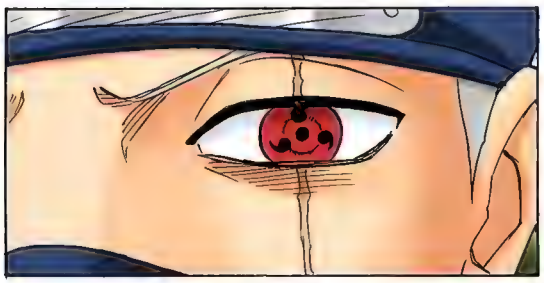

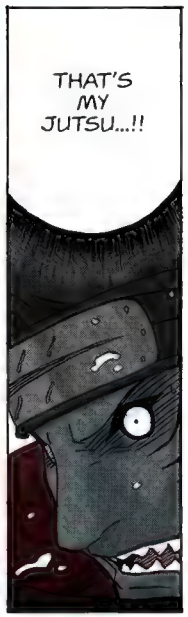

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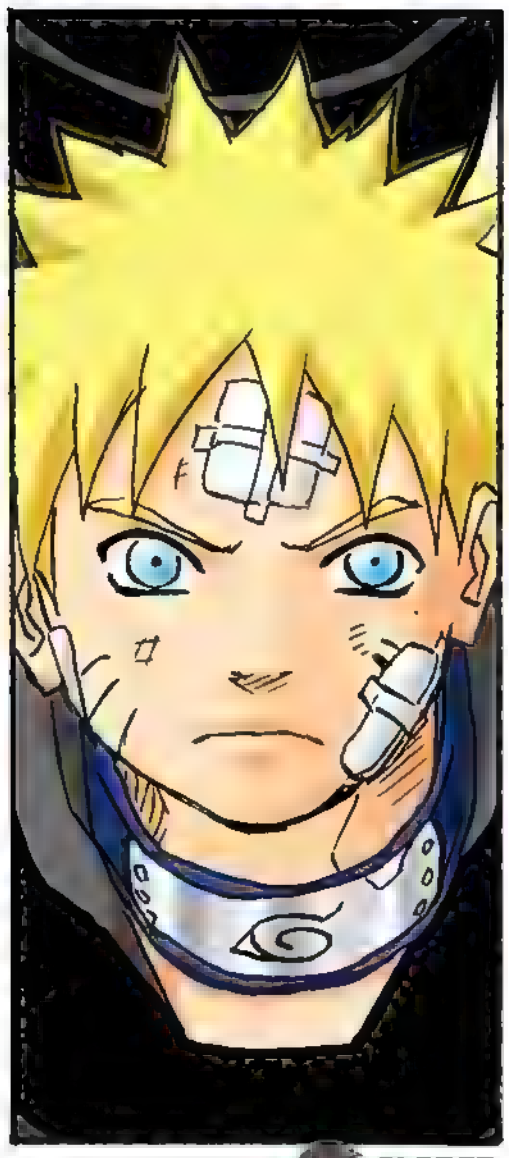

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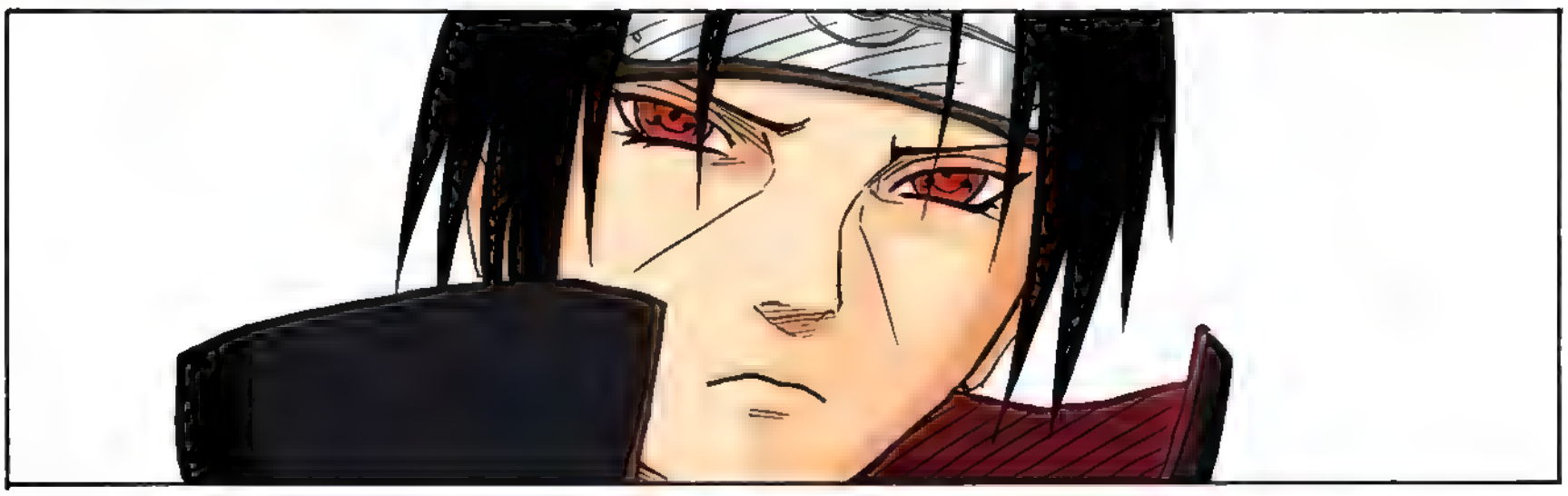

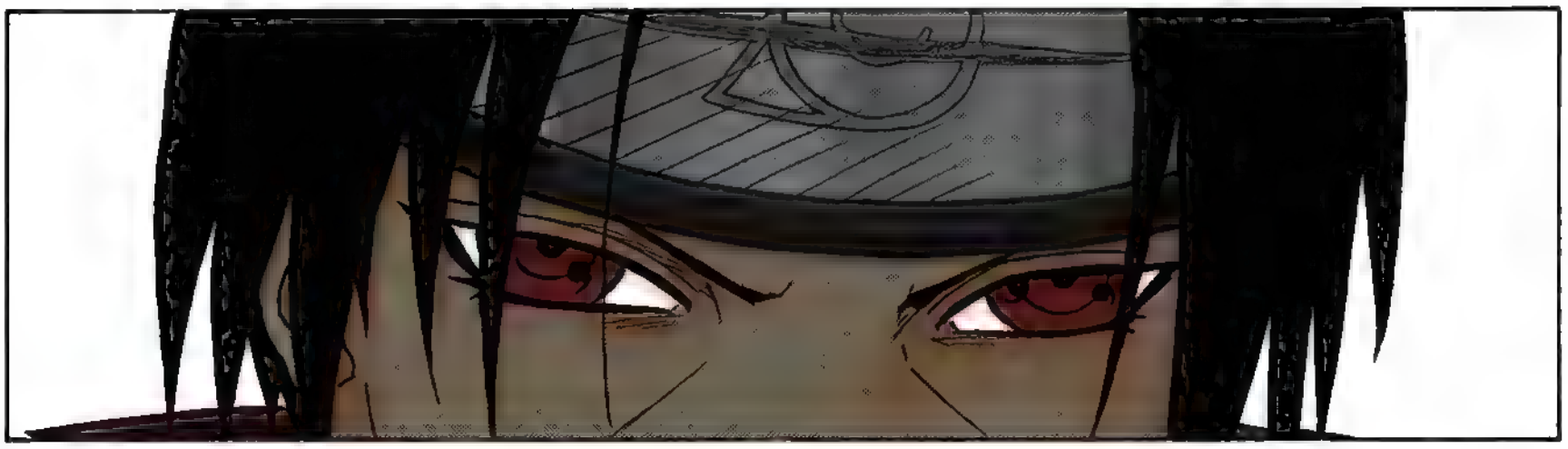

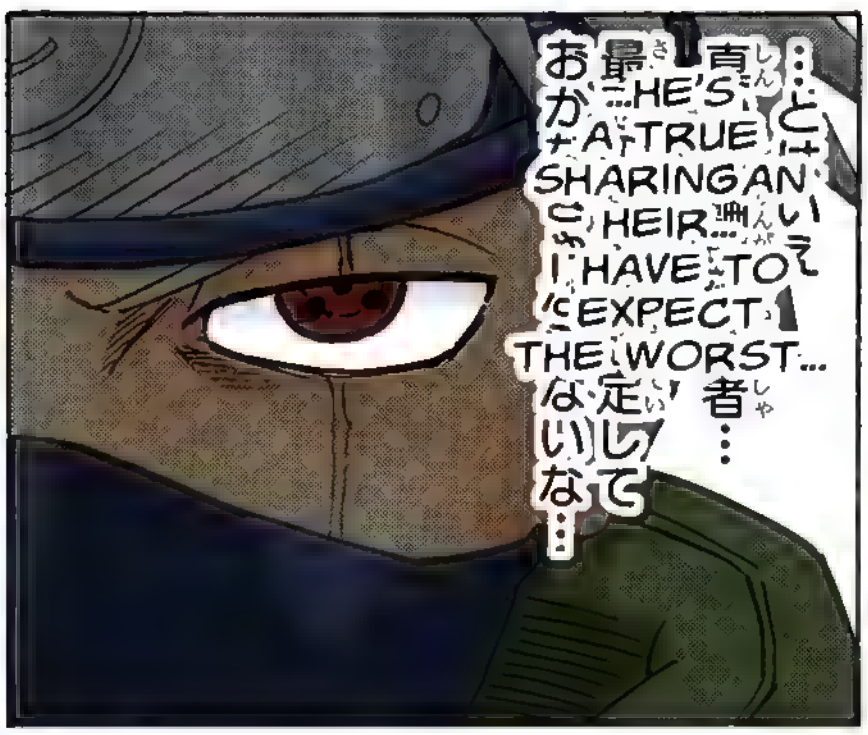

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...YOU MUST BE KAKASHI THE MIRROR NINJA, THEN...

THERE IS ANOTHER WITH THE EYE...

NO WONDER YOU STOPPED ME...

MY, MY, YOU'RE A SURPRISE ...

...CATCHING THE SCENT OF SUSPICIOUS FOLK AT THE TEA HOUSE, AND WHO SHOULD IT BE, BUT...

I'M THE ONE WHO WAS SUR-PRISED...

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...AND THE SCOURGE OF KIRIGAKURE, HOSHIGAKI KISAME.

I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD BE UCHIHA ITACHI...

WHAT AN HONOR.

WELL, WELL... YOU EVEN KNOW MY NAME.

...I HAD HEARD THAT YOUNG ZABUZA HAD SPARRED WITH YOU...?

YEAH...

...I SEE, SO THAT GIANT BLADE OF YOURS BELONGS TO ONE OF THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST, SAMEHADA, THE SHARKSKIN.

HEH HEH.

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I'LL CUT YOU TO RIBBONS...

HEH HEH...

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DROP IT...

KISAME.

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YOU DID NOT COME HERE TO SUFFER INJURIES!

DO NOT FORGET OUR PURPOSE...

AND IF YOU TAKE TOO MUCH TIME, YOU'LL GIVE OTHER SHINOBI A CHANCE TO ARRIVE.

...IF YOU SPAR WITH HIM HEAD-ON, YOU WON'T GET AWAY SCOT-FREE...

BUT...

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...AND PRAY TELL, WHAT MIGHT THAT PURPOSE BE...?

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LOOKING FOR...?

WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS HERE...

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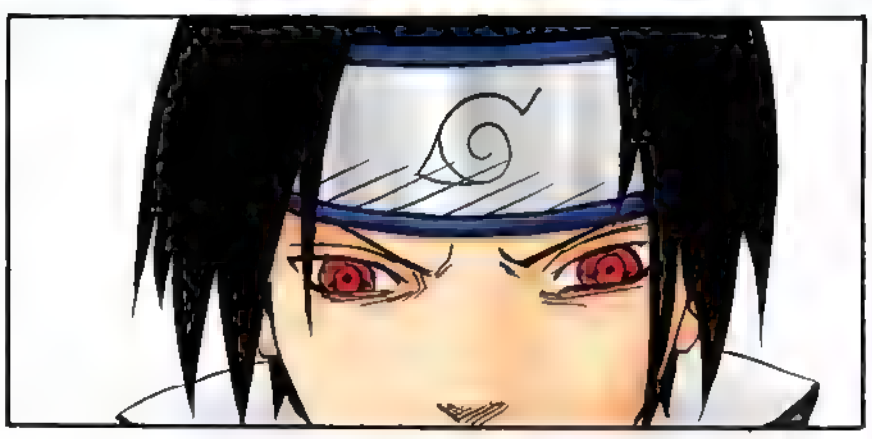

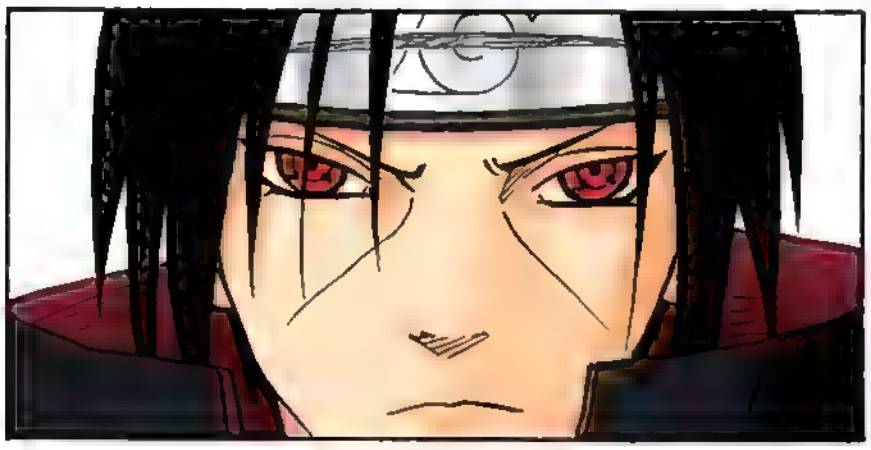

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SUITON SUIJINHEKI! WATER STYLE WATER WALL!!

NINJA ART!

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TRUST YOU, KAKASHI, TO HAVE SUCH A SHARP SENSE OF PERCEPTION...

FURTHER-MORE, THAT HE WOULD USE THE SHURIKEN IN HIS RIGHT HAND AS A DECOY TO DISTRACT ME... WHILE LAUNCHING A SUITON ATTACK AT MY FEET. IMPRESSIVE.

WHAT SPEED...! I COULDN'T FOLLOW HIS SIGN-WEAVING AT ALL...

...INDEED.

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HE'S SUPER-HUMAN...!!

A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER ?!!

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「HEH HEH… IMPRESSSIVE, THAT THE MIRROR NINJA HAS MASTERED MY FORMER VILLAGE'S JUTSU SO WELL…

A WATER DOPPELGANGER?!! 分身!!?

バシャッ…

NICE… KAKASHI!!

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WHAT?!

THIS ONE'S THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER…!

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WATCH OUT, KURENAI!!

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HIS DOPPEL-GANGER) EXPLODED?!!

ご自体(じたい)を せた!!?

KAKASHI! KURENAI!!

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KRIK

UGH...

KAKASHI ...!

HHHHHHPPP

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S THIS GOOD...

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN... HE'S SOMEONE WHO ROSE TO BLACK OPS SQUAD COMMANDER BY THE TIME HE WAS 13.

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NO, ACTUALLY, HE'S BETTER. HE HASN'T EVEN BEGUN TO SHOW HIS TRUE STRENGTH.

VERY IMPRESSIVE, THAT YOU WHO ARE NOT EVEN OF UCHIHA BLOOD...

...HAVE MASTERED THE SHARINGAN THIS MUCH...

HOWEVER ...

...YOUR BODY, NOT BEING GENETICALLY ADAPTED...

...IS NO MATCH FOR THAT EYE.

THAT'S RIGHT... 通り(とお)...

IT GETS FATIGUED VERY QUICKLY... うからな...

LET ME SHOW YOU...

...MY CLAN'S TRUE STRENGTH!

DO YOU KNOW WHY THE UCHIHA CLAN HAS BEEN LAUDED AND FEARED AS THE MOST POWERFUL...?

BLINK

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N...NO WAY!!

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YOU TWO, DON'T LOOK HIM IN THE EYE!!

SHOOT!!

ONLY ANOTHER SHARINGAN CAN HANDLE HIM NOW.

LISTEN CLOSELY, BOTH OF YOU, DO NOT OPEN YOUR EYES, NO MATTER WHAT...

IF YOU MEET EYES WITH HIM RIGHT NOW, YOU'LL BE FINISHED.

...ONE CAN RESIST THIS MANGEKYO TO SOME EXTENT.

IF ONE POSSESSES THE SHARINGAN...

...

SASUKE

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BUT **YOU** CANNOT BREAK THIS SPECIAL SHARINGAN JUTSU...

ONLY SOMEONE WITH KEKKEI GENKAI AND A SHARINGAN CAN STOP ME!

...TSUKUYOMI, THE **NIGHTMARE REALM!**

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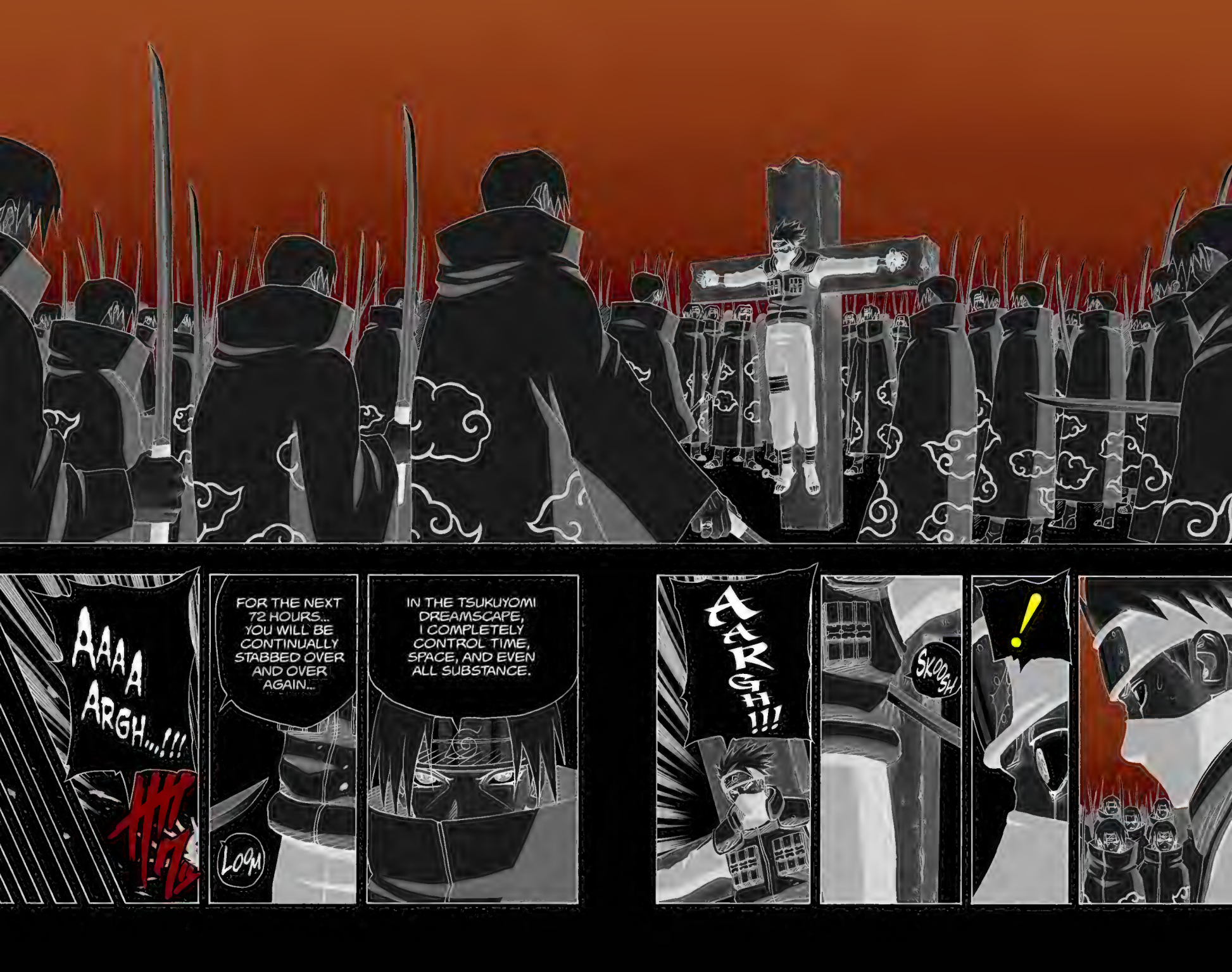
AAAA ARGH...!!!
FOR THE NEXT 72 HOURS... YOU WILL BE CONTINUALLY STABBED OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
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IN THE TSUKUYOMI DREAMSCAPE, I COMPLETELY CONTROL TIME, SPACE, AND EVEN ALL SUBSTANCE.
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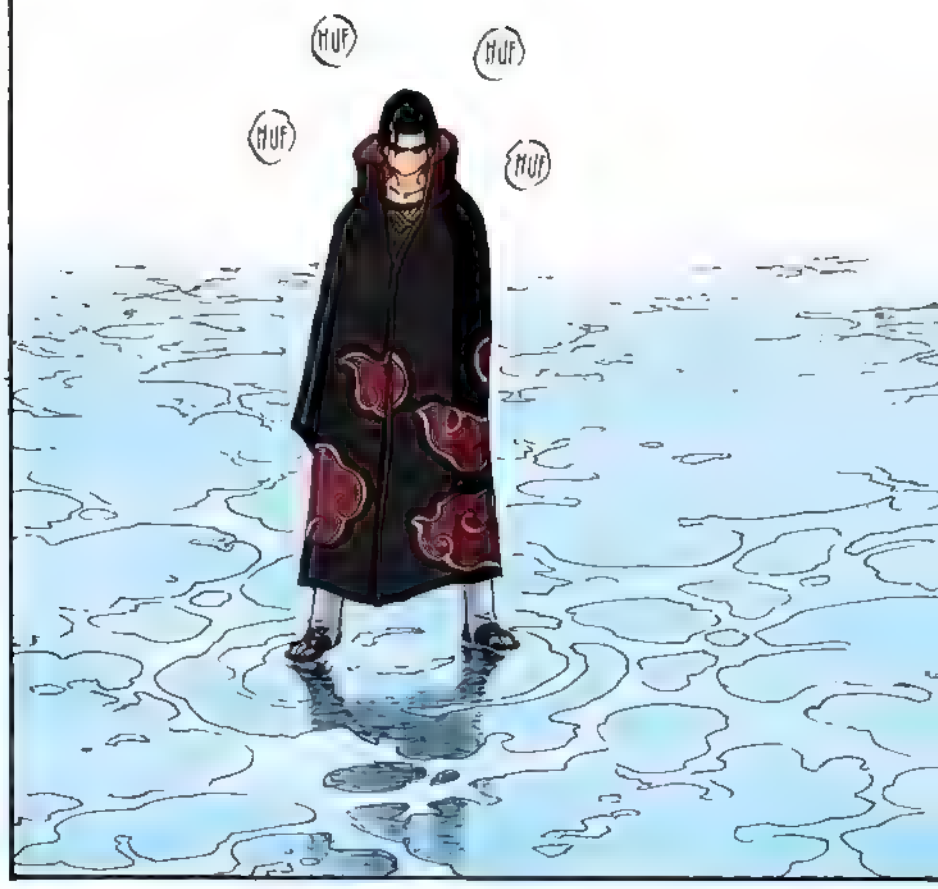
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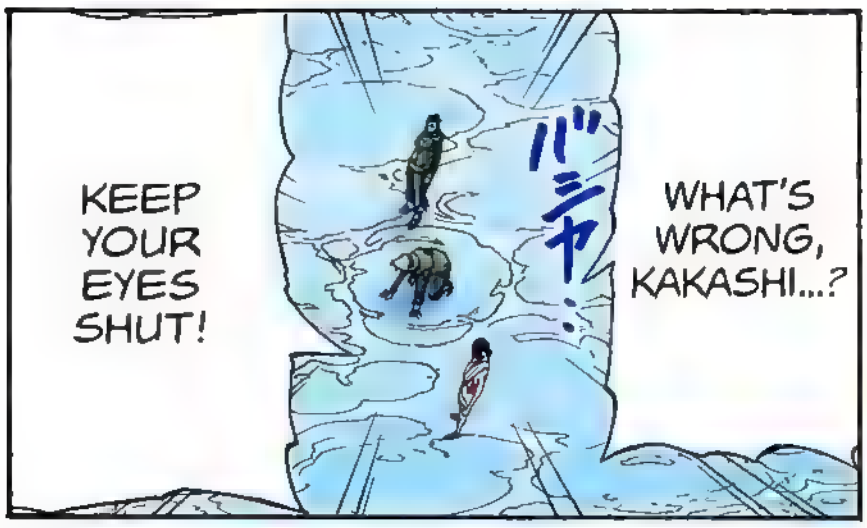
KEEP YOUR EYES SHUT!
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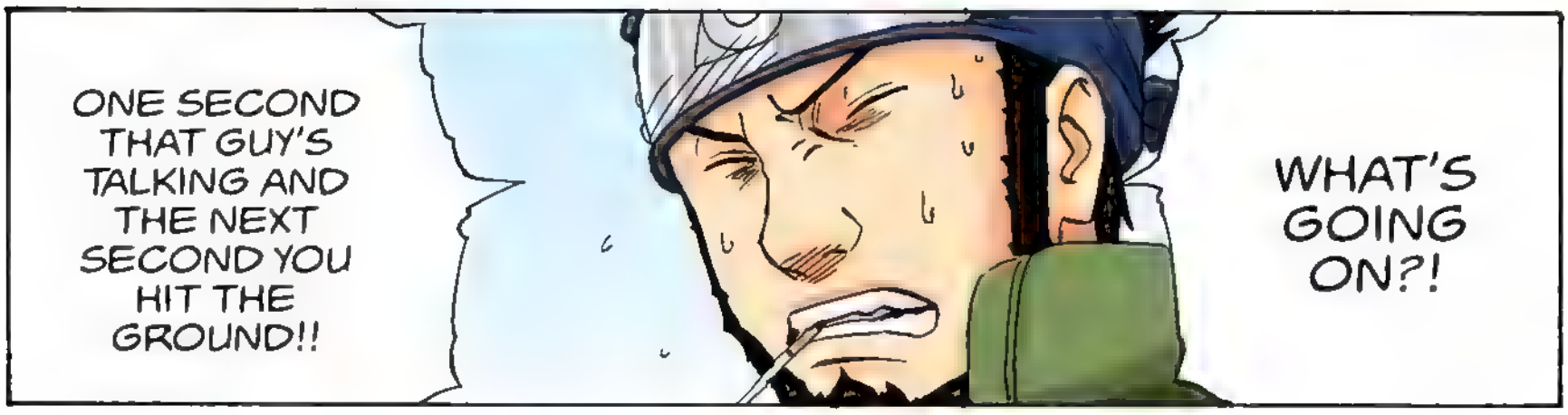
WHAT'S WRONG, KAKASHI...?


ONE SECOND THAT GUY'S TALKING AND THE NEXT SECOND YOU HIT THE GROUND!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

MEANWHILE YOU'VE OVERUSED THOSE EYES OF YOURS... YOU KNOW THAT'S DANGEROUS...
HM... AFTER ALL THAT THE FOOL'S SPIRIT IS INTACT...

WHY NOT JUST KILL ME? IF HE WANTED TO HE COULD...
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UNH...I SEE... THREE DAYS IN THAT REALM AND LESS THAN AT MOMENT PASSED IN THIS ONE...
UGH... IT'S STILL... AFFECTING ME...

THIS THING YOU SEEK... IS IT SASUKE?

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UGH...

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NO...

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THE LEGACY OF THE FOURTH HOKAGE...

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THE WORLD OF KISHIMOTO MASASHI
MY PERSONAL HISTORY, PART 24 CHAPTER 3

SO I IMMEDIATELY WENT TO BUY THE ISSUE OF *JUMP*, BUT MY HANDS WERE TREMBLING SO MUCH I COULDN'T HOLD ON TO IT VERY WELL. MY HEART WASN'T JUST POUNDING, IT WAS BOUNDING. I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO PAY FOR THE *JUMP*, AND I LOOKED FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS PAGE RIGHT AWAY. I SWEAR I ALMOST COLLAPSED!

WHICH IS IT?! DID I WIN?! DID I NOT WIN?! WHICH IS IT, DARN IT?! WITH SUCH IRRATIONAL TENSION, I EAGERLY FLIPPED THOUGH THE PAGES! (I BET I DIDN'T GET IT, DARN IT!!) AND SO, I FINALLY REACHED THE PAGE BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT PAGE FOR THE FEBRUARY HOP ☆ STEP AWARD, AND I SLOWLY TURNED THE PAGE.

THIS ART LOOKS KIND OF FAMILIAR...

THAT WAS MY FIRST IMPRESSION. ...THEN, IT STARTED SINKING IN...

...THESE DRAWINGS... THEY'RE MY DRAWINGS... THEY'RE MY DRAWINGS! ...WHICH MEANS...

AND THEN, OBLIVIOUS TO ALL THE FOLK WHO WERE IN THAT CONVENIENCE STORE, I SUDDENLY CRIED OUT:

"WHOA, WHOA"

I SO COULDN'T SPEAK CLEARLY I MUST HAVE SEEMED LIKE A DERANGED LUNATIC WHO WAS CHANTING SOME WEIRD SPELL ...PROBABLY. AND THEN, I STARTED QUIVERING. I WAS SO ECSTATIC I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO EXPLODE, AND I EXITED THE STORE. ...SUDDENLY, FOR NO EXPLAINABLE REASON, I VIOLENTLY THREW THE *JUMP* ACROSS THE ROAD. THE MAGAZINE FLEW THROUGH THE AIR, PAGES FLAPPING! I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS A REMNANT SUBCONSCIOUS REFLEX FROM MY FORMER BASEBALL DAYS, BUT I DO REMEMBER RECEIVING QUITE A FEW COLD STARES FROM PASSERSBY. THEY WERE PROBABLY THINKING, (WHAT THE...! WHO IS THIS WHACKED-OUT GUY...?! WHAT A WEIRDO...!), BUT, YOU KNOW WHAT, I DON'T CARE AT ALL!! IT'S THE HAPPIEST MOMENT OF MY 21 YEARS OF LIFE, SO TOUGH!!

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THE FOURTH HOKAGE'S LEGACY!!

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...LEGACY, EH...

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THE FOURTH HOKAGE'S ...

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WHO ARE THESE GUYS...?!

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...NARUTO, HUH...

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HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU WERE BACK?

LONG TIME NO SEE...

KAKASHI...

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I'LL TRAIN NARUTO FROM NOW ON...

BUT...EVEN SOMEONE OF YOUR REMARKABLE ABILITIES MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO GET HIM READY...

THE THIRD HOKAGE WAS WISE TO PLACE THE BOY UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION. HE'S BEEN WELL LOOKED AFTER.

...!

FOR A LONG TIME HE KEPT MOSTLY TO HIMSELF... BUT THEN...

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...I'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON OROCHIMARU EVER SINCE THE DAY HE FLED KONOHA...

BECAUSE IT WAS EVIDENT HE WOULD RETURN...

WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN?

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ORGANI-ZATION?

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YES?

HE JOINED AN ORGANIZATION.

AT FIRST THEY STUCK TO SMALL-SCALE CLOAK AND DAGGER STUFF. NOTHING DRAMATIC. BUT YOU KNEW SOMETHING BIG WAS COMING...

I DON'T REALLY HAVE A LOT OF DETAILS, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE A SMALL SYNDICATE OF NINE SHINOBI THAT CALLS ITSELF THE AKATSUKI.

...WHAT ORGANIZATION?

...CONSID-ERING WHO THEY ARE.

...AS S-CLASS CRIMINALS!

ALMOST ALL OF THEM ARE LISTED IN THE BINGO BOOK...

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...AND AMONG THEM IS ITACHI.

...

SO YOU SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING...?

WHEN NINE SHINOBI LIKE THAT GET TOGETHER IT'S NOT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO DO CHARITY WORK...

...WHILE THE OTHERS PAIRED UP AND DISPERSED ...

RECENTLY THE GROUP STARTED SPLITTING UP... OROCHIMARU WENT OFF ON HIS OWN...

THEY'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR NEW JUTSU... AMONG OTHER THINGS...

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...ANY PROOF THAT ONE ITEM ON THEIR SHOPPING LIST HAS NINE TAILS?!

...IT'S A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.

IT MAKES SENSE. THE NINE-TAILED FOX DOES HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF CHAKRA...

...

KAKASHI...

SOONER OR LATER, NARUTO'S GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH WHO AND WHAT HE REALLY IS...

THAT'S THE BOY'S DESTINY.

FOR NOW, FOCUS ON SASUKE...

IT'S UP TO YOU TO TEACH HIM HOW TO USE HIS SHARINGAN...

ESPECIALLY SINCE ITACHI'S PART OF THE ORGANIZA-TION.

AND I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON NARUTO. LEAVE HIS TRAINING TO ME.

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YOU SEEK... THE NINE-TAILED FOX INSIDE NARUTO?

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HUF

I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU...

YOU CALL YOURSELVES THE AKATSUKI?

YOU'RE... NOT THE ONLY ONES, ARE YOU?

KISAME...! CHANGE OF PLANS: WE'RE TAKING KAKASHI WITH US.

MAKE THE OTHER TWO DISAPPEAR.

...?

THE AKA-TSUKI?

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!!
KONOHA GORIKI SENPU! SEVERE LEAF HURRI-CANE!!
木ノ葉剛力旋風!!
!
WHO ARE YOU?!
WH... WHAT?!!
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WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

THE LEAF VILLAGE'S FIERCEST BEAST OF BATTLE?

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KONOHA'S NOBLE BLUE BEAST...

DO NOT UNDERES-TIMATE HIM.

...IT'S HIM... ITACHI!!

...UGH...

MIGHT GUY!!

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HE'LL SNARE YOU IN HIS JUTSU!!

DON'T LOOK ITACHI IN THE EYE, GUY!!

THAT HE COULD PUSH KAKASHI THIS FAR...

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I'VE ALREADY MASTERED COUNTER-SHARINGAN BATTLE TECHNIQUES FROM ALL MY BOUTS AGAINST KAKASHI!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME THE OBVIOUS!!

OPEN YOUR EYES, BOTH OF YOU!!

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JUST KEEP YOUR SIGHT ON THEIR FEET AT ALL TIMES, AND YOU CAN STILL READ THEIR MOVEMENTS AND REACT.

WHEN YOU GO UP AGAINST THE SHARINGAN, YOU ONLY NEED TO AVOID MEETING YOUR OPPONENT'S EYES!

I SUPPOSE SO... YOU SIMPLY NEED TO ACQUIRE THE KNACK FOR DISCERNING AN OPPONENT'S MOVEMENTS JUST FROM THEIR FEET.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT DOES MAKE SENSE, BUT...

BLINK

YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE OF US... WHO IS ANY GOOD AT IT.

BLINK

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YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LEARN IT ON THE FLY!!

BUT IN THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION, WE DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY.

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ASUMA, YOU'RE GOING TO BE BACKING ME UP.

KURENAI! GET KAKASHI TO THE MEDICS!!

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?

YA GOT GUTS...

...UNTIL THE ANBU BLACK OPS REINFORCE-MENTS THAT I REQUISI-TIONED ARRIVE!!

ALL WE NEED TO DO IS BUY SOME TIME...

KISAME... I'M CALLING IT OFF.

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...HMPH...

TEMPTING AS IT IS, THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO DO THIS... LET'S GO.

WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO START A WAR...

GAH ...!

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THEY DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY THEY ARE...

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HOW COME I GET STUCK TAGGING ALONG WHILE YOU DO YOUR RESEARCH FOR ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR PERVY BOOKS?!

WHY?! WHY?!

WHAT?!!

I'VE GOT TO TRAIN... MASTER KAKASHI'S GOING TO TEACH ME ALL SORTS OF NEW JUTSU, LIKE THE CHIDORI!!

I SWEAR, MASTER KAKASHI'S BEEN PLAYING FAVORITES LATELY!

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!

PLOD PLOD

THERE'S A PARTICULAR WOMAN I WANT TO COVER, SO WE NEED TO FIND HER.

THIS IS NO ORDINARY RESEARCH JAUNT, YOU KNOW.

SIGH... ...I KNOW THIS REAL COOL JUTSU... THAT'S SO MUCH MIGHTIER THAN THE CHIDORI...

OH WELL, MAYBE I'LL ASK SASUKE TO TAG ALONG.

NO, NO THANKS !!

LOOK PERVY SAGE, WHAT YOU DO ON YOUR TIME IS YOUR BUSI-NESS! BUT I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THAN CHASE YOUR WOMEN!

BESIDES, THIS WOMAN, SHE'S A REAL LOOKER... I KNOW YOU'LL WANT TO MEET HER!

WELL... UH... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS NICELY, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT YOU'RE CUT OUT FOR THAT MOVE...

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I'LL GO!
I'LL GO!!

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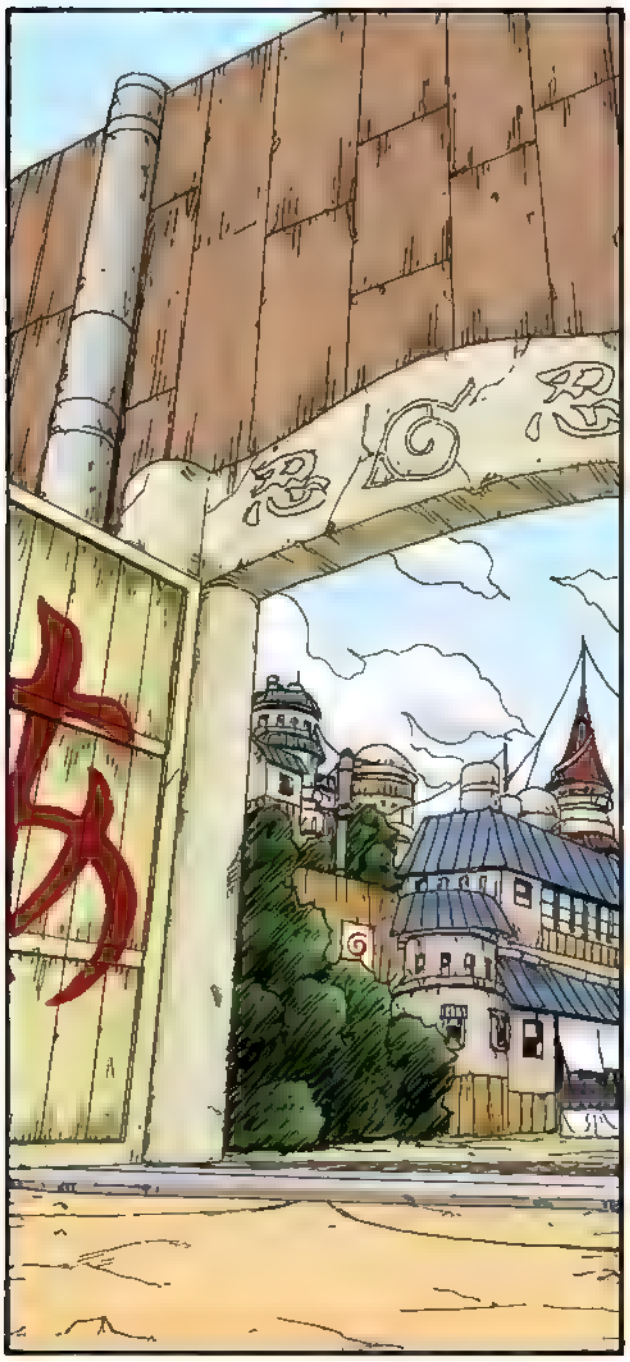

DON'T YOU DARE LEAVE WITHOUT ME, PERVY SAGE!!

JUST LET ME GO PACK SOME STUFF! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...!

STILL, YOU CAN'T HELP LIKING HIM...

...HEH HEH... KNUCKLE-HEAD...

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ALL RIGHT--!! I'M GOING TO GO LEARN SOME NEW JUTSU AND BLOW SASUKE AND MASTER KAKASHI AWAY!

よーし!! 新しい術を覚えて サスケやカカシ先生を ぶっとばす!

THEN SAKURA'LL FALL FOR ME TOO!! I BET!!

そしたらサクラちゃんも 俺に惚れちゃうぞ!! ...!!

SNAP

LET'S GO!!!

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE HOLING UP IN SOME MOUNTAIN FOR A FEW MONTHS...

YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO ENTHUSI-ASTIC, KID...

KREEE...

UNNH...

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THE PURSUERS

HEY... YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW DISTINGUISHED I AM, DO YOU...?

LISTEN UP...

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...“PERVY SAGE” THIS, “PERVY SAGE” THAT...

SO WHAT KIND OF AMAZING JUTSU ARE YOU GOING TO TEACH ME THIS TIME?!

SO HEY! HEY! PERVY SAGE!

A LADIES' MAN THAT CAN HUSH EVEN A CRYING CHILD!

“LORD JIRAIYA,” THAT'S ME!!

THE TOAD SAGE IS JUST AN ALIAS! BUT NO MORE DISGUISES!

NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, EAST! I AM THE TOAD MASTER, THE WHITE-HAIRED PRODIGAL SON, ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI!

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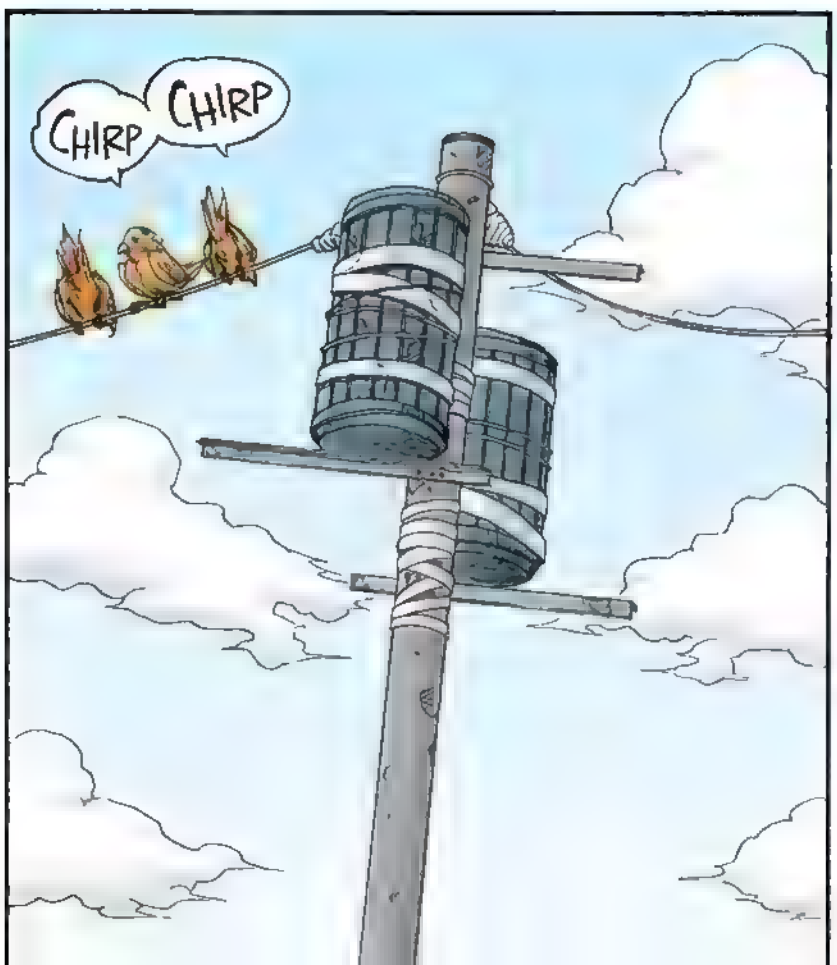

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I TOLD YOU, MY NAME IS JIRAIYA... SHEESH...

...THE FACT THAT SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE PERVY SAGE ASKED ME TO BE HIS TRAVEL COMPANION MEANS SOMETHING, RIGHT?

HEY! HEY! SO...

...

RIGHT?

IT MEANS I'VE GOT SOME INCREDIBLE TALENT HIDDEN INSIDE ME, RIGHT?

...

MAYBE CUZ YOU HAVE TO GET AS GOOD AS ME IN ORDER TO BE INITIATED INTO SAGE-LEVEL SUPER-JUTSU...?

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...

HEY! HEY!

SO WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ME?

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WELL... I SUPPOSE THAT'S WHY.

YOU KNOW... A LONG TIME AGO, THE FOURTH HOKAGE WAS MY STUDENT.

AND YOU SEE, IT'S ALMOST FUNNY HOW MUCH YOU KIND OF REMIND ME OF HIM...

I REMIND HIM OF THE FOURTH HOKAGE...?

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MASTER KAKASHI! TEACH ME THE CHIDORI, WILL YA!

...

HUH?

IT WASN'T ME... ...

...SASUKE... THANKS.

...YOU SAVED ME FROM THE SAND GAUNTLET.

I KNOW NARUTO'S GOTTEN STRONGER TOO, BUT THAT SAND FELLOW...

OH, COME ON, SASUKE!♡ YOU'RE ALWAYS SO MODEST.

IT'S TRUE.

NARUTO'S THE ONE WHO RESCUED YOU.

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EVEN SHOWING A STRENGTH THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN FROM HIM BEFORE.

HE FOUGHT DESPERATELY IN ORDER TO SAVE YOU.

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...NARUTO, HUH...

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GRR... C'MON CHIDORI! COME ON OUT!

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USELESS...
…来なかった…

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NARUTO KEEPS GETTING STRONGER ALMOST+ ABNORMALLY.
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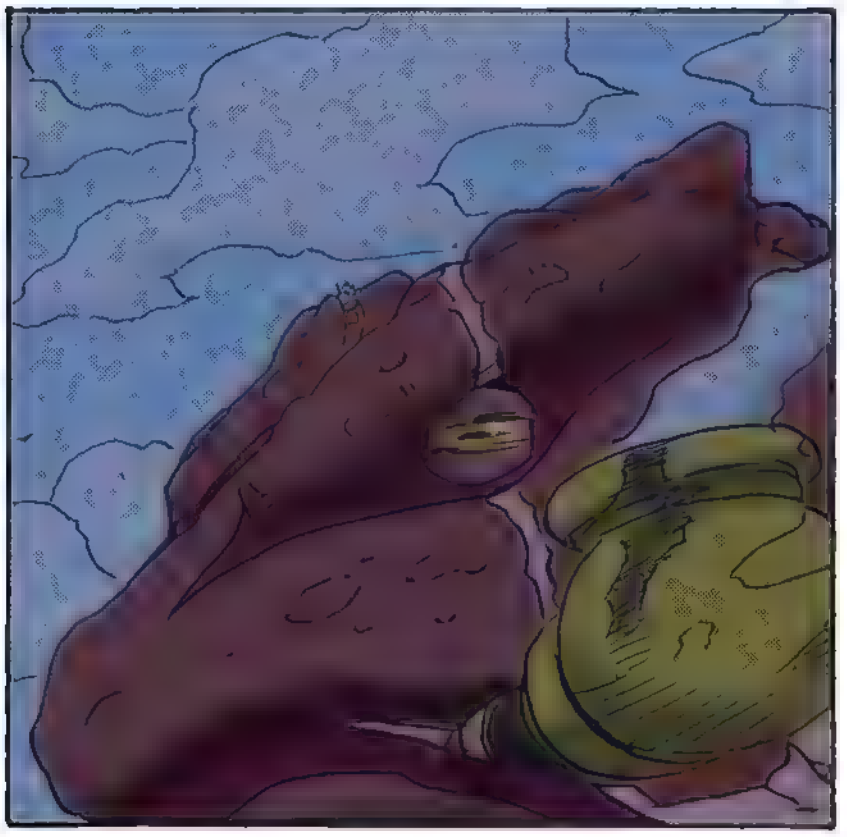
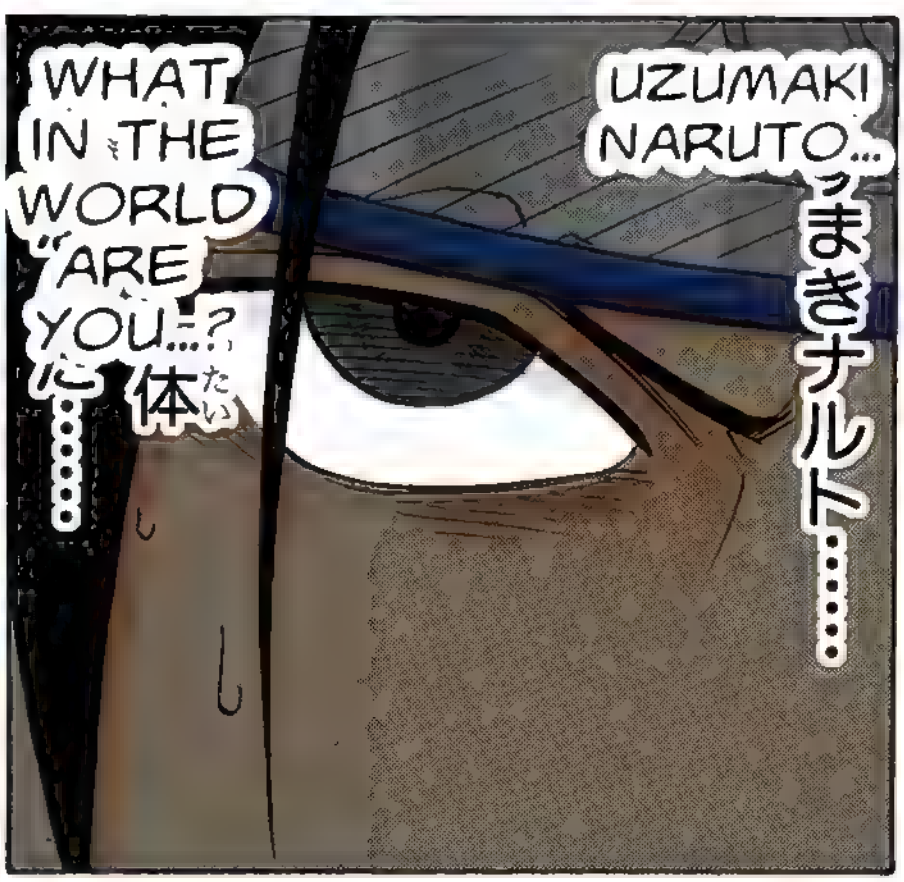
COMPARED TO OUR NINJA ACADEMY DAYS, WHEN HE WAS CALLED A FAILURE... IT'S VIRTUALLY UNBELIEVABLE PROGRESS...



SOMETIMES... I EVEN FEEL AFRAID...
WHEN I WATCH HIM UP CLOSE, I CANT TELL... HE'S... GOT SOME MASSIVE POWER HIDDEN INSIDE HIM...



...AND EVEN IF I HAD MORE BACKUP, IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T CHANGE THE OUT-COME.

YEAH... IF WE FACED OFF, WE MIGHT END UP KILLING EACH OTHER.

AT THE VERY LEAST, WE'D HURT EACH OTHER BADLY.

HE'S IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE.

EVEN IF YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE HIM ON, I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT ME...

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YEAH... HOWEVER ...

EVEN THE STRONGEST HEROES HAVE THEIR WEAK-NESSES...

WITH HIM AS OUR ENEMY, EVEN THE TITLES KONOHA'S UCHIHA CLAN AND SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST PALE IN COMPARISON.

IT WAS GREAT FINALLY FINDING HIM AT THE RAMEN SHOP, BUT... HIS BABYSITTER WAS ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI OF KONOHA LEGEND.

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IT'S EASY TO FIND NARUTO IN THE VILLAGE... AND ITACHI KNOWS NARUTO'S FACE.

SHH!

...BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S ODD... THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN HERE INSIDE THE VILLAGE.

FROM THEIR BEHAVIOR, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THEY'VE FOUND NARUTO YET...

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KAKASHI...

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AND THAT HE'S AFTER NARUTO...

IS IT TRUE THAT ITACHI SHOWED UP IN TOWN...?!

...OH... NOTHING REALLY...

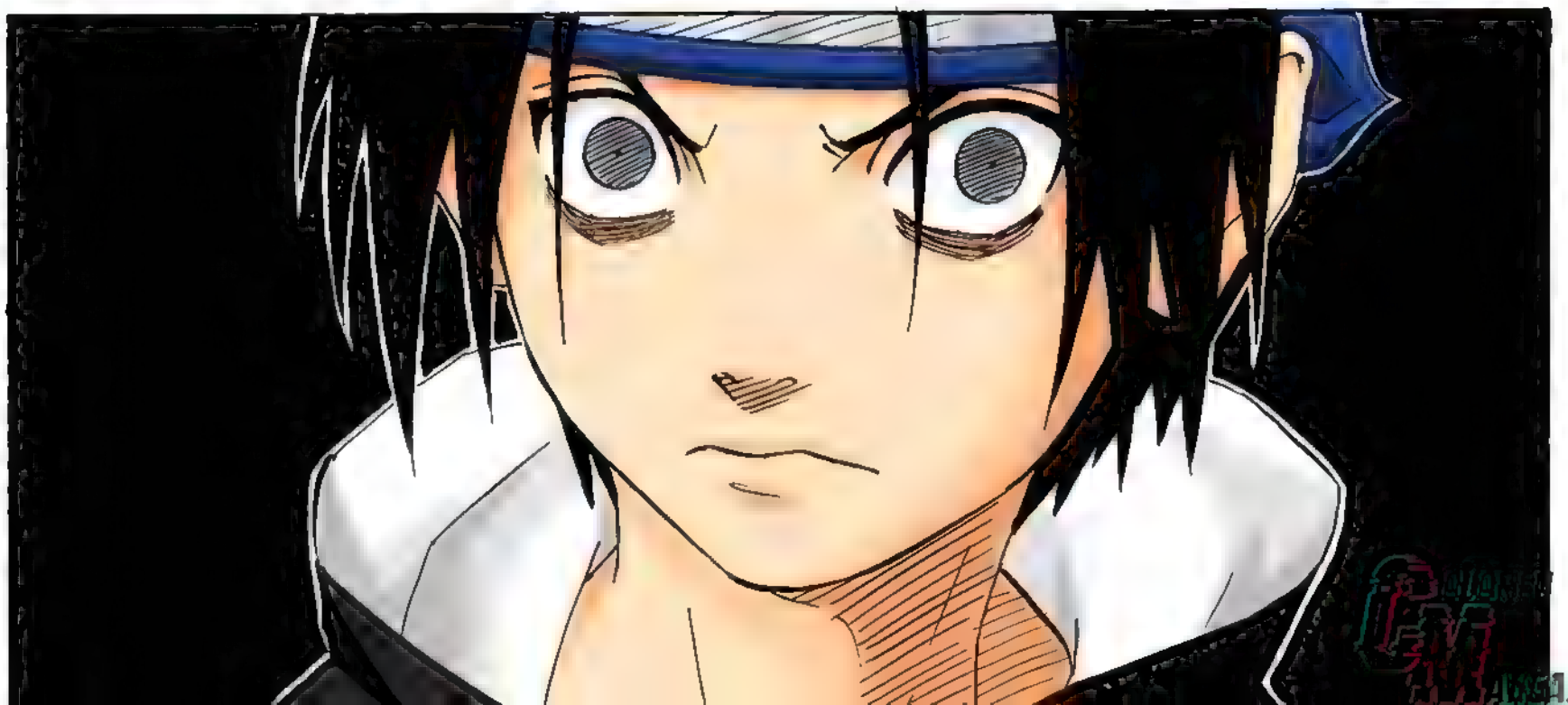
...WHY'S KAKASHI BEDRIDDEN?

AND WHAT ARE ALL YOU JÔNIN DOING HERE... WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?!

GAH...

IDIOT...

...OH!



WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS!!

HE'S BACK, HERE, IN THIS VILLAGE?!

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AND HE'S AFTER NARUTO?! ナルトを!?

WHY, WHAT'S GOING ON?! どういうこだ!?

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HEY, MISTER! I KNOW NARUTO WAS HERE FOR LUNCH! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE HE WENT AFTER-WARDS?!

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I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

IN ANY CASE... IF HE GETS AHOLD OF HIM... NARUTO'S FINISHED!!

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JIRAIYA?!

UHH... SOMETHING ABOUT SOME NEARBY TOWN WHERE THERE IS A PLEASURE DISTRICT...

...AND HE WENT OFF TOGETHER WITH LORD JIRAIYA.

THEY DID MENTION GOING SOME-WHERE...

ER, IF I REMEMBER RIGHT... LORD JIRAIYA CAME ALONG AND ATE RAMEN WITH HIM...

HMM, NARUTO, EH.

WELL, HE MAY LOOK LIKE AN ORDINARY WHITE-HAIRED BIG GUY AT FIRST SIGHT, BUT...

LORD JIRAIYA, ONE OF THE PRODIGAL SHINOBI THREE...

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IF YOU'RE GOING TO ASK SOMETHING OF SOMEONE, YOU OUGHT TO SIT DOWN AND BUY A BOWL IN RETURN...!!

...SHEESH...

HEY!

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(Street Sign: Fun Fun Avenue)

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NARUTO... WE'RE GOING TO STAY HERE TONIGHT!

WAVE WAVE

THIS PLACE SEEMS MIGHTY SUSPECT...

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WHOA!!

NARUTO!

LOOK AT HER!!

HUH?!

GLOP GLOP

FAF

CLICK CLICK

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WHAT?!

PLINK

SLAP

YOU CAN'T DRAG ME HERE AND THEN JUST LEAVE ME!!

GO UP TO THE ROOM AND PRACTICE MANIPULATING YOUR CHAKRA! EH!

HERE, HERE'S OUR ROOM KEY!

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HE BETTER BE SERIOUS ABOUT SUPERVISING MY-
TRAINING...?!!
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SHEESH! THAT PERVY SAGE, HE'S ALWAYS LEAVING ME HANGING!!

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THAT CITY'S NOT THAT FAR AWAY...!
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SO MANY INNS! DO I JUST HAVE TO KNOCK ON EVERY DOOR?!

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湯屋
宿
酒宿

FEH...!

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...HMM.

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HEY, IS THERE A FOOL-FACED BLONDIE ABOUT MY AGE...

...AND A WHITE-HAIRED BIG GUY STAYING HERE?!

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RAP RAP

AAH! I WONDER IF IT COULD BE THEM... YES, I BELIEVE SO.

WHICH ROOM NUMBER ?!

WHAT, IT'S COMING HOME? REJECTED ALREADY? だって のかよ

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NARUTO!

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